

No. 19.

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled:

The Petition of H. Maitland Kersey, Alexander John Campbell, and William Edgar Oliver, all of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company to be known as the "Kitimaat Railway Company, Limited," with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain either standard or narrow gauge railways, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and ores from a point at or near the head of steamboat navigation on Kitimaat Inlet, Douglas Channel, North West Coast of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route along the Kitimaat Valley about twenty-five miles, more or less; thence to a point at or near Kitselass Canyon on the Skeena River; thence along the valley of the Skeena River in a north-easterly direction to a point at or near Hazelton; thence in a north-easterly direction to a point at or near Germansen Creek, Omineca, with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a branch connection with or extension of the same from a point at or near Hazelton; thence in a north-westerly direction by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near Telegraph Creek on the Stikine River, and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate, and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railways and branches; and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipality or other persons or bodies corporate, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and with power to build waggon roads to be used in the construction of such railways and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the Company, whether built before or after the passage of the Act hereby applied for, and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable House will be pleased at the present Session to pass an Act incorporating the said Company with the powers and for the purposes aforesaid.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated at Victoria, this 14th day of February, A. D. 1898.

HENRY MAITLAND KERSEY,
ALEX. J. CAMPBELL,
W. E. OLIVER.