

No. 73 A.

## PETITION.

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*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled:*

The petition of Ranulph Robert Gilpin, Stock-raiser; Alexander Fraser, Hotel-keeper; George Arthur Fraser, Druggist; Finlay Archibald Sinclair, Customs Officer; and Hugh St. Quentin Cayley, Barrister-at-law, the undersigned, all of the City of Grand Forks, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

1. That it is to the interest of the public that a railway should be constructed from a point at or near the City of Grand Forks, in the Province of British Columbia; thence following the North Fork of Kettle River a distance of thirty miles, more or less, to the mouth of the East Fork of the North Fork of Kettle River aforesaid; thence following the valley of the West Fork of the North Fork of Kettle River a distance of forty miles, more or less, to Summit Creek; thence about five miles, more or less, to the headwaters of Eagle Creek; thence following the course of Eagle Creek to its mouth, and to Franklin Camp and to the mines in the vicinity of the said lines of railway.

2. Your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway from a point at or near the City of Grand Forks, in the Province of British Columbia; thence following the North Fork of Kettle River a distance of thirty miles, more or less, to the mouth of the East Fork of the North Fork of Kettle River aforesaid; thence following the valley of the West Fork of the North Fork of Kettle River aforesaid, a distance of forty miles, more or less, to Summit Creek; thence about five miles, more or less, to the headwaters of Eagle Creek; thence following the course of Eagle Creek to its mouth, and to Franklin Camp, and to the mines in the vicinity of the said lines of railway; and also to authorise and empower the Company to build, equip, maintain and operate branch lines to groups of mines, smelters and concentrators from the above-mentioned lines of railway; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railways or other companies; with power to the Company to construct and maintain all the necessary bridges, ways and ferries, and to construct, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and to construct, acquire, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats and to operate the same on any navigable waters; and to construct, operate and maintain telephone and telegraph lines along the routes of the said railways or branches thereof, or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes and to collect tolls therefor; and to generate electricity and supply heat, light and power; and for all other usual and necessary powers, rights and privileges.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to pass an Act for the purposes above mentioned.

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

R. R. GILPIN,	Grand Forks, B. C.,	Stock-raiser;
A. W. FRASER,	"	Hotel-keeper;
GEO. A. FRASER,	"	Druggist;
F. A. SINCLAIR,	"	Customs Officer;
H. S. CAYLEY,	"	Barrister-at-Law.

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