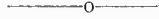


PETITION.



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

The petition of the undersigned, John Andrew Mara, of the City of Kamloops, in the Province of British Columbia, Gentleman, William Farrell, of the City of Vancouver, in the said Province, Manager of the Yorkshire Guarantee and Securities Corporation, Limited, and Frank Stillman Barnard, of the said City of Vancouver, Gentleman, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated under the corporate name of "The Lardeau Railway Company," with all usual corporate powers, and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow gauge railway or tramway suitable for transporting passengers, freight or ore from some convenient point at or near Galena or Thumb Bay, on the Upper Arrow Lake, in the District of Kootenay, to a point at or near the Forks of the Lardeau River, and with power to build a branch line from a point on the main line of said railway or tramway about thirteen miles from Galena Bay to Trout Lake, and to extend the said railway or tramway, or build branch lines thereof, up either or both the north and south branches of the Lardeau River for a distance of ten miles on either branch; and also to build a branch from a point on the main line of said railway or tramway about eight miles from Galena Bay for a distance of twenty miles up Fish Creek; and with power to take and use from the South Fork of the Lardeau River, at or near a point situated about two miles from the junction or forks of the said river, so much of the waters thereof as may be necessary to obtain therefrom five thousand horse power for the purpose of generating electricity, and to construct and maintain buildings, erections, dams, raceways or other works in connection therewith for improving or increasing the said water privileges, and to construct and maintain all necessary works, buildings, pipes, poles, wires, or appliances and conveniences necessary or proper for the generating of electricity or power with a radius of fifty miles from said Galena or Thumb Bay, and to use the electricity generated by the Company as a motive power for the said tramways or other works of the Company, or to supply to consumers for any purpose to or for which electricity or electric power may be applied or required; and with further power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railways and tramways, or any of them, and to build wharves and docks in connection with the said railways or tramways, together with the 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 and other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and with the further power to build waggon roads to be used in the construction of such railways or tramways, 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 for all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

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

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

Dated this 12th day of February, A.D. 1897.

J. A. MARA,
W. FARRELL,
F. S. BARNARD.