
PETITION.

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

The humble petition of the Mayor, Corporation and Ratepayers of the City of Vancouver, sheweth :—

That by the Vancouver Water Works Act of 1886 certain rights and privileges were granted to the said Vancouver Water Works Company, including the right to construct Water Works and to supply the said City of Vancouver with water.

That the said Company have constructed certain works under and by virtue of the authorities contained in the said Act.

That the said Company have introduced into your Honourable House a Bill for the purpose of amending the said Act by repealing a certain section thereof—to wit, section thirty-five (35) of the said Act—which said section confers on the Corporation of the City of Vancouver the power to purchase the said Water Works and appurtenances from the said Company, on such terms and conditions as are mentioned and contained in the said section sought by the said Company to be repealed.

Your petitioners allege that the said section 35 was inserted in the said Act as a part of the consideration for the granting of such rights and privileges as were conferred on the said Company by the said Act, and at the instance of the City of Vancouver, for the protection of the interests of the said City.

And your petitioners further submit that the said powers and privileges would not have been granted to the said Company had they not inserted in the said Act this said section when the said privileges were applied for to your Honourable House.

And your petitioners further allege, that without such section giving to the said city power to purchase the said Water Works, the inhabitants of the said city would have opposed the passing of the said Act.

Your petitioners further allege that there can be no valid or sufficient reason shewn why the said Corporation should be deprived of the privilege of purchasing the said Water Works and appurtenances, particularly as ample compensation is secured to be paid to the said Company whenever such purchase shall take place; and that in case the said section 35 should be repealed the said Corporation and City of Vancouver will be placed entirely at the mercy of the said Company, so far as the water supply of the said city is concerned, and they will not be in a position to secure the full supply of water to the said city which the increasing demands of the inhabitants require.

Your petitioners further present that the said Corporation of the City of Vancouver have made an offer for the said works and appurtenances, and negotiations are now pending with regard to a submission to arbitration under and by virtue of the said section 35, now sought to be repealed.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will not pass the said Bill into law, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c., &c.

[Seal.]

D. OPPENHEIMER, *Mayor.*

THOMAS F. MCGUIGAN, *City Clerk.*

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

We, the undersigned petitioners, humbly pray :—

That an Act may be passed at the present Session of this Honourable House authorizing the petitioners to construct, equip, maintain and operate a line of steam or electrical Railway from some point in or near the City of Vancouver, to run in a southerly direction to the Fraser River ; thence across said river to Sea Island and Lulu Island ; thence southerly to a point on the south side of said Lulu Island, with power to operate a Steam Ferry between said point and Ladner's Landing and other places on the Fraser River. Also to build branches from the main line east and west, and to acquire lands and do all things necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

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

J. W. SEXSMITH.

C. S. DOUGLAS.

GEO. E. MAGEE.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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