

PETITION.

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

The Petition of William B. Allen, William H. Fife, Henry Drum, Josephus D. Caughran, Paul A. Paulson, and Lewis H. Northey, and Peter C. Dunlevy, William Parsons Sayward and E. Crow Baker, humbly sheweth :—

That it is in the interest of the public that a line of railway should be constructed and operated from a convenient point on the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia to the northern terminus of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway.

That your Petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a railway from a convenient point on the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia to the northern terminus of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, on Vancouver Island, *via* Yellow Head Pass, Cariboo and Bute Inlet, with power to construct and operate branch lines ; to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines ; to build and operate steam and other vessels ; to make traffic and other arrangements with railway and other companies ; to erect and maintain all necessary and convenient buildings, wharves, elevators, depôts, docks, &c., and generally to do all things incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the above purposes, or any of them.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating the Petitioners as a Company, called "The Canadian Northern Railway Company," with the powers above set forth or referred to.

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

WILLIAM B. ALLEN, WILLIAM H. FIFE, HENRY DRUM, JOSEPHUS D. CAUGHRAN, PAUL A. PAULSON, LEWIS H. NORTHEY, WM. P. SAYWARD, P. C. DUNLEVY, E. CROW BAKER.	}	By LEWIS H. NORTHEY, <i>Attorney in fact.</i>
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