

No. 21.

PETITION.

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

The petition of the undersigned, James Ritchie, of Summerland, British Columbia; Thomas J. Smith, of Vancouver, British Columbia; John M. Robinson, of Summerland, British Columbia; George H. Bulyea, of Edmonton, Alberta, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners desire to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing and operating a railroad from some point at or near Osoyoos on the International Boundary running in a northerly direction along or near Lake Okanagan to a point at or near Enderby; thence in a westerly direction to a point at or near Kamloops; thence in a northerly direction following the course of the North Thompson River; thence by the most feasible route to Quesnelle and Fort George; also from a point at or near Enderby in a northerly direction to a point at or near Sicamous along the course of the Spallumcheen River; also from a point at or near Kamloops in a southerly direction to a point at or near Quilchena; thence in a southerly direction by a feasible route to a point at or near Princeton; also from a point at or near Quilchena Creek in a northerly direction along Nicola Lake to upper Nicola River; thence north-easterly along the upper Nicola River to a point at or near Salmon River, following the course of that river to a point at or near Salmon Arm, all in the Province of British Columbia.

And with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries, and to build, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and to build, acquire, own, equip, and maintain steam and other vessels and boats and to operate the same on any navigable waters; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes, and to charge tolls therefor 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, money bonuses, privileges or other aides from any Government, municipal corporation or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the Company; and with power to connect with and make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and to exercise such powers as are granted by Parts IV. and V. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act"; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that you may be pleased to pass an Act for the purposes above mentioned, to be an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company," and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated this 5th day of January, A. D. 1906.

Witness:
W. M. GRIFFIN.

{ GEO. H. BULYEA,
JAMES RITCHIE,
J. M. ROBINSON,
T. J. SMITH.

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