
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly in Parliament assembled.

The humble petition of William Parsons Sayward, of the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, lumberman, Thomas B. Hall, of the same place, merchant, Robert Ward, of the same place, merchant, Paul Schulze, of the City of Tacoma, in the State of Washington, one of the United States of America, gentleman, and Theodore Lubbe, of the City of Victoria, aforesaid, merchant, sheweth :—

That it is in the interest of the public that a line of railway should be constructed and operated from the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, to some point on Beecher Bay in the said Province, or in the vicinity of the said Beecher Bay.

That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a railway between the said points.

And of being granted the usual powers to build, construct and maintain such railway ; to own and use the same for the purpose of carrying passengers and goods and merchandise, and to fix and levy tolls and rates for carrying the same ; and to obtain lands by compulsory purchase or otherwise for the purposes of the Company.

Also power to construct or acquire telegraph and telephone lines.

Also power to erect and maintain all necessary and convenient buildings, wharves, elevators, depôts, docks, dockyards, slips, and piers.

Also power to build, acquire, own, charter, equip, maintain and operate steam or other vessels generally.

Also power to make traffic and other arrangements with railway and other companies.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating the Victoria and North American Railway Company, and conferring upon the said Company the powers above set forth or referred to.

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

Dated this 28th day of March, A.D. 1891.

WM. P. SAYWARD,
T. LUBBE,
PAUL SCHULZE,
ROBT. WARD,
THOS. B. HALL.

PETITION.

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

The humble petition of Francis Bourchier, real estate broker, Robert T. Williams, printer, and Arthur L. Belyea, barrister-at-law, all of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, sheweth :—

That it is in the interest of the public that a line of railway should be constructed and operated from the City of Nanaimo, in the Province of British Columbia, to some point on the north of Vancouver Island.

That the construction of the said railway would be of great public utility.

That it is the intention of your petitioners to apply at an early date for authority to construct, operate, and maintain such a railway.

That in view of the Provincial importance of the proposed railway in opening up the rich and varied resources of the Northern part of Vancouver Island, consisting of mineral, timber, and agricultural lands, your petitioners pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to grant permission to present a petition for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company to construct, maintain and operate the proposed railway, and to confer upon such Company all powers, rights, and privileges necessary to carry out effectually such undertaking, notwithstanding that the time limited by the Standing Orders of your Honourable House for presenting such petition has expired.

Your petitioners are impelled to present this petition to your Honourable Body at this late day in view of the proposed connection at an early day of the Island of Vancouver with the railway system of the United States by means of a railway ferry across the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and the great importance of an early extension of railways on Vancouver Island.

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

Dated the 31st day of March, A.D. 1891.

FRANCIS BOURCHIER,
R. T. WILLIAMS,
A. L. BELYEA.