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# PETITION.

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The humble petition of the undersigned residents of Chilliwack showeth that :

Whereas a Bill is to be introduced in the Provincial Legislature this Session to empower a Company to divert the water of the Vedder River from its natural course into the Luc-cuck Rivers ;

And whereas such a scheme would be ruinous to a vast tract of agricultural land in Chilliwack ;

And whereas the channel of the Luc-cuck is not of sufficient capacity to take so large a volume of water, which would wash and overflow the banks and ruin property along its course, besides it would back the water of the Chilliwack River so as to leave no drainage for the Big Prairie ;

And whereas the most productive part of the Chilliwack Settlement, lying between the Elk Creek and the Atchletch, would be injuriously affected ;

We, therefore, most emphatically protest against any Bill being passed that would interfere with the natural course of said river, and which would cause havoc and destruction to our fair country, which has been rightfully called the "Garden of British Columbia."

James Murray,

M. Sweetman,

W. B. Hall,

William Carter,

Richard Ford,

Sidney Ford,

F. C. Kickurbch,

A. F. Lindell,

James Evans,

Charles Ford,

John E. Ford,

Chas. H. Evans,

And 94 others.

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*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 residents of Nicola Valley, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth :—

1. That your petitioners believe it to be desirable that a line of railway should be constructed and operated, commencing at some point at or near Spence's Bridge, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, thence running in a south-easterly direction and following the valley of the Nicola River, and terminating at a point at or near the western extremity of Nicola Lake, with a branch commencing at or near the junction of the Coldwater and Nicola Rivers, and extending in a southerly direction along the valley of the Coldwater River to a point at or near the junction of the Voght and Coldwater Rivers; and that the coal lands and coal mines in the valleys of the said rivers should be developed and operated.

2. That John M. Lefevre, Stephen Tingley, and Charles Whetham are applying to your honourable body during the present Session to pass an Act to authorize the construction and operation of the said lines of railway, and the developing and operating of the said coal lands and coal mines by them, the said John M. Lefevre, Stephen Tingley, and Charles Whetham, as a company to be known as "The Nicola Valley Railway Company."

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honourable body may be pleased during the present Session to pass an Act incorporating the said John M. Lefevre, Stephen Tingley, and Charles Whetham as a company for the purposes aforesaid.

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

Dated this eighteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

S. GORDON,  
GILBERT BLAIR,  
H. D. GREEN-ARMYTAGE,  
A. COULTIE,  
WILLIAM SMITH,  
JNO. CLAPPERTON,

And forty-two others.

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