

No. 72.

PETITION.

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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 humble petition of the undersigned sheweth:—

That your petitioner is desirous of incorporating a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a single or double line of railway from the City of Vancouver, in the said Province; thence to the City of New Westminster; thence crossing the Fraser River and following the south bank of said river to Hope; thence following the Coquehahla River to the headwaters of the Coldwater River; thence following the said Coldwater River to a point about twenty miles from its source; thence in a south-easterly direction to the West Fork of Otter River; thence following the Otter River to its junction with the Tulameen River; thence following the Tulameen River to Princeton; thence following the Similkameen River to Keremeos; thence in a south-easterly direction to a point in the vicinity of Osoyoos Lake; thence easterly to a point on the Kettle River in the said Province; thence following the Kettle River to Midway; thence in an easterly direction to Grand Forks; and with further power to build, construct, equip, maintain and operate a branch of said railway from the point where the main line thereof leaves said Coldwater River, following the said Coldwater River through Nicola Valley to Nicola Lake; and with further power to build, construct, equip, maintain and operate a branch line from Otter Flat, at the junction of said Otter and Tulameen Rivers, in a south-westerly direction, following the Tulameen River up the Tulameen Valley for a distance of thirty miles; and with further power to build, construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines, not exceeding twenty miles in length, from any point or points on the main line of said railway to any point or points on the Canadian side of the International Boundary Line; and with further power to build, construct, equip, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to carry on a general express business, and to build, maintain and operate wharves, docks, steamboats and steamships, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or steamship and other companies; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire land bonuses, privileges or other aid from any Government or municipality or other persons or bodies corporate, and with power to build waggon roads to be used in construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the Company, whether before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or conducive to the above objects, or any of them.

Your petitioner, therefore, prays that your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act granting to your petitioner the above powers.

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

Dated this 28th day of February, 1901.

HAROLD B. ROBERTSON.

VICTORIA, B.C.:

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