

No. 1.

PETITION.

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, Cuyler Armstrong Holland, George Henry Barnard and Bernard Goodwin Goward, all of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company with power to build, construct, maintain and operate a line of railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other power, from a point at or near Fernie, in the District of East Kootenay, in the Province of British Columbia; thence by way of a feasible and practicable route east or west of the Elk River, southward to a point at or near the mouth of Morrissey Creek; thence either by way of Elk River and Wigwam River or by way of a pass running south-easterly from the mouth of Morrissey Creek to a point at or near Lodgepole Creek; thence by way of Lodgepole creek and tributaries of the Flathead River to a point at or near the Flathead River, distant twenty-five miles more or less, northerly from the International Boundary; thence by way of the Flathead River to a point at or near the International Boundary; also from a point at or near Fernie, by way of a feasible and practicable route east or west of the Elk River, northerly to a point twenty-eight miles north of the mouth of Michel Creek, with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines from any point or points on the proposed line of railway, not exceeding in any one case twenty miles in length; and to construct, equip, maintain and operate tramways in connection with the said railways and branches and in connection with the navigation of any waters in the District of East or West Kootenay; and with further power to construct, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the route of the said railway and branches and tramways, or in connection therewith; and to transmit messages for commercial or other purposes and to collect tolls therefor; and with power to construct, acquire, operate and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries; and to construct, own, acquire and maintain wharves and docks in connection with the said railway and branches; and to construct, own, acquire and maintain steam and other vessels and boats and operate the same on any navigable waters; and to generate electricity and supply light, heat and power; and to apply for and acquire water and water-power under any Statutes in force in the Province of British Columbia, and, generally, to exercise the powers, privileges and franchises conferred upon companies incorporated under the provisions of Part IV. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and to enter into traffic arrangements or other arrangements with steamboat or other companies; and to enter into arrangements for conveying or leasing to any other railway, steamship or transportation, telegraph or telephone company the whole or any portion of said railway and branches or other property, real or personal, or assets of the company, or to

amalgamate with any such company ; and to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire the whole or any portion of the property, assets, rights, powers, privileges and franchises of any railway or navigation company, and purchase or otherwise acquire shares in any such company, or any company having powers in whole or in part similar to the powers above mentioned ; and with all other powers, rights and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass an Act incorporating a company with the powers and for the purposes above mentioned.

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

G. H. BARNARD.

B. G. GOWARD.

C. A. HOLLAND.

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