

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 Petition of the Nicola Valley Railway Company humbly sheweth :—

That your petitioners were duly incorporated by an Act of the last Session of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia :

That forthwith after such incorporation your petitioners proceeded to have surveys made of the proposed railway, and to have plans and profiles thereof made, which plans and profiles are now complete :

That on account of the proposed railway connecting with the Canadian Pacific Railway your petitioners are applying to be constituted a body corporate and politic within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, and to have their proposed railway declared a work for the general advantage of Canada, and for a further extension of their proposed line of railway :

That your petitioners are now making arrangements for capital to carry on the work of construction of their railway, and they intend to commence construction early next summer :

That in addition to the expense incurred by your petitioners in making plans and surveys, they have also gone to great expense in boring and testing for coal in Nicola Valley :

That a rival company, known as "The Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkameen Coal and Railway Company," are, your petitioners are informed and believe, applying to your Honourable Body for an Act authorizing them to construct a railway from Spence's Bridge to Nicola Lake, which, if constructed, will be parallel to and in close proximity to your petitioners' proposed line of railway :

That if your Honourable Body will grant the said Company authority to construct their railway in the Nicola Valley, such Act will very seriously interfere with the negotiations for capital at present being made by your petitioners for the construction of their railway and otherwise embarrass them and retard their undertaking, which is now in a fair way to being carried to completion at an early date :

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to refuse the said Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkameen Coal and Railway Company, or any other body corporate or person, an Act to construct a railway or railways in the Nicola Valley from Spence's Bridge to Nicola Lake, parallel and in close proximity to your petitioners' proposed line.

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

Dated this 1st day of March, A. D. 1892.

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J. W. McFARLAND,
Secretary.

J. M. LEFEVRE,
President.

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