

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 George Lawson Milne, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Doctor of Medicine, humbly sheweth:—

1. That it appears by the Votes and Proceedings of Your Honourable Body that a petition has been presented for leave to introduce a Bill having for its object the renewal of the Charter of the New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Company.

2. That your petitioner is a shareholder in the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company and a creditor of the said Company for a large sum of money advanced to the said Company for the purposes of its undertaking.

3. That the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company have expended a sum exceeding \$85,000.00 in surveys, rights of way, clearing right of way, materials, and for other necessary purposes in carrying on the undertaking authorized by its Act of incorporation.

4. That negotiations are now in progress to secure the capital necessary to complete the whole of the undertakings of the said Company within the time limited therefor, and your petitioner believes that such negotiations will shortly be successfully terminated.

5. That the proposed said New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway will practically parallel that portion of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway between the Cities of New Westminster and Vancouver.

Your petitioner therefore humbly submits that if the said petition be granted and the Bill therein referred to do pass Your Honourable House it will be difficult, if not impossible, to secure capital necessary to complete the undertaking of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, and that the negotiations now in progress for that purpose will be unsuccessful.

2. That to grant the prayer of the said petition and pass the said Bill will be opposed to the interests of the localities traversed by and interested in the completion of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway, and contrary to the policy hereto adopted in such cases.

Your petitioner therefore prays that Your Honourable Body will not grant the prayer of the said petition, and will not pass the Bill therein referred to.

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

G. L. MILNE.

VICTORIA, B. C.