

No. 9A.

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 British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, humbly sheweth:—

1. That your petitioners are a duly incorporated Company under and by virtue of Special Acts of the Legislature of this Province.

2. That your petitioners have constructed or acquired and are now operating telephone systems within practically all the cities of the Province, and long distance lines between the important centres of the Province, as well as having established connections with foreign telephone systems.

3. That a Private Bill is now before the Legislature, presented by and on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, asking for certain powers, among others a power to operate a telephone system within the territorial limits of the said City.

4. That your petitioners are now engaged in constructing extensive additions to their systems within the said City of Vancouver, for which purpose it will be necessary for your petitioners to borrow considerable sums of money.

5. There is not, as your petitioners believe at present, any definite plan or scheme of the City of Vancouver formulated for the purpose of constructing or operating a telephone system within such City.

6. That if the power asked for be granted the effect will be detrimental to the interests of your petitioners, and also to the patrons of telephones in the City of Vancouver, and will tend to prevent the development and extension of your petitioner's system within such City, whereby many persons will be deprived of the convenience of a telephone system.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the power in relation to telephones sought by the Corporation of the City of Vancouver be not granted.

That your petitioners may be heard by Counsel, agents, and witnesses in support of the objections herein urged against such clause in such Bill, and otherwise, as may be advised.

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

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BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE CO.

D. FARRELL,

President.

VICTORIA B. C.

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