
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly in Parliament assembled.

The humble petition of William Parsons Sayward, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, lumberman; Thomas B. Hall, of the same place, merchant; Robert Ward, of the same place, merchant; Paul Schulze, of the City of Tacoma, in the State of Washington, one of the United States of America, gentleman; and Theodore Lubbe, of the City of Victoria, aforesaid, merchant, sheweth:—

That it is in the interest of the public that a line of railway should be constructed and operated from the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, to some point on Beecher Bay, in the said Province, or in the vicinity of the said Beecher Bay.

That the construction of the said railway would be of great public utility.

That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated at the present session of this Parliament as a Company under the name of "The Victoria and North American Railway Company," for the purpose of building, operating, and maintaining such railway, and of having granted to the said Company the usual powers in that behalf.

That it is the intention of your petitioners to apply at an early date for authority to construct, operate, and maintain, and work a steam ferry from the proposed terminus of their line at Beecher Bay to a point on the south side of the Straits of Fuca, in the Territory of the United States of America, for the purpose of connecting with the American system of railways. That it is only recently that your petitioners have been able to arrive at the conclusion that they were in a position to accomplish the scheme for the carrying out of which they now seek incorporation.

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray that in view of the Provincial importance of the scheme proposed, your Honourable Body will be pleased to grant permission to your petitioners to present a petition for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the said Company and conferring upon the said Company the powers necessary for effectuating the purposes aforesaid, notwithstanding the omission on the part of your petitioners to comply with the rules relating to the publication of notices, and notwithstanding that the time limited by the Standing Orders of this Honourable House for presenting petitions has lapsed.

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

Dated at Victoria this 28th day of March, A.D., 1891.

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That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a railway between the said points.

And of being granted the usual powers to build, construct and maintain such railway ; to own and use the same for the purpose of carrying passengers and goods and merchandise, and to fix and levy tolls and rates for carrying the same ; and to obtain lands by compulsory purchase or otherwise for the purposes of the Company.

Also power to construct or acquire telegraph and telephone lines.

Also power to erect and maintain all necessary and convenient buildings, wharves, elevators, depôts, docks, dockyards, slips, and piers.

Also power to build, acquire, own, charter, equip, maintain and operate steam or other vessels generally.

Also power to make traffic and other arrangements with railway and other companies.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating the Victoria and North American Railway Company, and conferring upon the said Company the powers above set forth or referred to.

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