

No. 10.

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 undersigned, William M. le Poer Trench, of Sidney, in the Province of British Columbia, W. C. Spicer, Henry Croft and Charles Arthur Bury, of the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company with power to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of steam or electric railway, of standard or other gauge, from a point at or near Hardy Bay or Fort Rupert, Vancouver Island; thence by the most feasible route to a point on West Arm, or Rupert Arm, of Quatsino Sound, and to construct, equip and maintain branch lines; to construct, acquire, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and to operate the same; to construct, acquire and maintain docks and wharves in connection with the said railway or any of its branches; to connect with or enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; to construct, acquire, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of the said railway and its branches, or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes and collect tolls therefor; to acquire from any Government, municipality or person any bonus, subsidy, grant or privilege, and having all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to any of the aforesaid powers.

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.

W. M. LE POER TRENCH.

W. C. SPICER.

HENRY CROFT.

CHARLES A. BURY.