
No. 12.

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled :

The petition of the undersigned, of the City of Grand Forks, humbly sheweth :

That your petitioners are all British subjects and permanent residents of the Province of British Columbia :

That, in view of the rapid and extensive development of the mining industry of this Province, of the rise and progress of cities and districts in the interior, and of the growth in wealth and population of the coast cities, it is highly desirable that better telephone and telegraph facilities be provided to facilitate the carrying on of business, and to meet the requirements of cities and districts situate in different parts of the Province many miles apart, as well as to provide for the rapidly increasing business between the cities and districts in the interior and Vancouver and Victoria :

That your petitioners, therefore, humbly request your Honourable Body to incorporate a company, to be called "The Western Telephone and Telegraph Company," with power to construct, equip, operate, and maintain telephone and telegraph lines within and throughout the mainland of the Province of British Columbia, and to construct, erect, and maintain poles and other works and devices necessary for making, completing, working, and maintaining communication by telephone and telegraph within and throughout the mainland of the said Province, and to open or break up any part of the highways or streets within the mainland of the said Province ; to purchase, acquire, or lease and hold and dispose of lands or buildings within the mainland of the Province, and to purchase or lease, for any term of years, any telephone or telegraph line established or to be established in British Columbia, connected or to be connected with the line which the Company may construct, and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines, or any portion or portions thereof, to any company possessing, as proprietor, any line of telephone or telegraph communication connecting, or to be connected, with the Company's line or lines, and with all other usual, necessary, or incidental rights, powers, or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them :

That it is in the public interest that telephone and telegraph lines be constructed to connect remote sections of the Province, and would be conducive to its material welfare :

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass an Act for the purposes above mentioned.

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

WM. B. DAVEY,
J. B. DONALD,
A. MILLER.

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