

No. 70 A.

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 humble petition of the undersigned sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous of having incorporated a Company to be known as the "Kootenay Central Railway Company," with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway, of standard or any other gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other power, for the carrying of freight and passengers.

First.—From Fort Steele to Elko, or some other convenient point on the Crow's Nest Railway between Elko and Wardner; thence on either the east or west side of Wigwam River, or by the most convenient route to the International Boundary line.

Second.—From Fort Steele to Windermere by either the east or west side of the Kootenay River; thence to the town of Golden on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and to build and operate tramways in connection therewith, with power to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary bridges, roads, ways, ferries and other works, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, acquire and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on the Kootenay River from the International Boundary as far north as the said river may be or may be made navigable.

Also to authorise the said Kootenay Central Railway Company to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of heat, light and power, and for all and every other purpose mentioned in sections 80, 81, 82 and 83 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act of 1897," and to do everything necessary and incidental to the carrying out of all or any of the objects referred to in said sections.

Also to invest said Company with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, Municipal Corporation, or other persons or bodies. Also to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels owned or operated by the Company, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual or necessary rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Further to empower the said Company to acquire and operate mines, concentrators, smelters or refineries in the neighbourhood of or in any part of the territory naturally tributary to its railways.

Your petitioners respectfully request your Honourable Body to pass an Act conferring upon them the above-mentioned powers.

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

Dated at Fort Steele the 14th day of March, A.D. 1901.

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 J. B. LANGLEY, "

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