

No. 25.

## 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 inhabitants of the tract of land in the District of Vancouver described as follows :—

Commencing at low water mark on the shore of Burrard Inlet at a point where the westerly boundary of Lot 271, Group 1, New Westminster District, produced southerly would intersect said low water mark ; thence northerly along the said produced boundary and along the westerly line of said Lot 271 to the northerly end of said line ; thence westerly along the line between the Indian Reserve and Lot 547 to the westerly corner of said Lot 547 ; thence northerly along the westerly lines of Lots 547 and 544 ; thence to the northerly corner of said Lot 544 ; thence easterly along the northerly boundary of Lots 544, 545, 546 and 616, to the point where the northerly line of said last-mentioned Lot intersects the line of division between Lots 787 and 2,001 ; thence southerly and then easterly along the division lines between Lot 616 and Lot 2,023 to the easterly corner of Lot 616 ; thence southerly along the line between Lots 616 and 615, and thence in the same line intersecting Lots 553 and 272 to the low water mark on Burrard Inlet, the said tract of land comprising the following named Lots :—271, 273, 274, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550 and 616, and parts of Lots 552 and 272, all in said Group One (1) in the New Westminster, now Vancouver, District ; the said tract of land, with the exception of the Section 9, Lot 272, included therein, and Lot 273, now forming part of the District Municipality of North Vancouver.

Your petitioners present this petition on behalf of and by and with the consent of the owners of more than half in value of the assessable lands within the tract aforesaid. Your petitioners pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass a Bill incorporating your petitioners and other the inhabitants of said tract of land as a City Municipality under the style and name of "The City of North Vancouver," and that the inhabitants of the said tract of land and their successors shall be a body politic and corporate in fact and in law by the name of "The City of North Vancouver," with perpetual succession and with power to sue and to be sued, implead and to be impleaded, answer and be answered to in all Courts, and in all actions, causes and suits at law or in equity whatsoever, with a common seal, and with all other usual powers consequent upon incorporation, and with the following special powers, purposes and objects, *i. e.*, to subdivide the city into wards or to abolish the ward system ; to assess street railways with a portion of the cost of watering streets ; to regulate the placing of telephone and other poles ; to charge property owners with the cost of sewers laid through or adjoining their premises by way of rental, as well as connecting ; to limit and define

localities in which slaughter-houses, wash-houses and other trades or businesses may be carried on; to regulate or prohibit Sunday trade; to impose a tax on bicycles and automobiles; to prohibit peddlers, hawkers, transient traders and petty chapmen; to erect public warehouses and impose and collect tolls for the use thereof; to purchase, construct, and operate water-works, telephone and electric light and power, gas systems; to regulate the subdivision of City lots; to confirm the present survey of the tracts of land hereinbefore described; to administer oaths and to examine witnesses under oaths in civic enquiries; to enter into contracts and to bind the Corporation for the repayment of loans and other obligations extending over a period of years; to borrow money for specific purposes, giving a security or undertaking in guarantee by the City; to provide for the placing of telephone, electric and other wires underground; to provide a fund for the insurance of civic buildings and other property; to licence clubs; to prohibit the removal of slaughter-houses and other obnoxious and offensive trades which may be, in the opinion of the Council, a nuisance; to provide that no by-law defeated by the voters qualified to vote thereon shall be again introduced during the current Municipal year; to regulate and prohibit the erection, removal and repairing of buildings, and to authorise the pulling down or removal of buildings erected, removed or repaired, in contravention of any by-law in that behalf; to establish a police court and police force; to establish a board for the management of parks and public places; to establish a board for the granting of liquor licences, subject in part to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; to grant in general terms to the Council the power to make by-laws in the following class of objects:—

1. The taking over and holding of public property, rights and interests, and benefits, from the District Municipality of North Vancouver, and the administration of the same, the assuming of the public debts and liabilities of such District Municipality, and giving indemnity for the discharge of the same; the raising of moneys necessary to carry out any obligation undertaken; the collection of special assessments due, and the carrying out of projected public works or local improvements:

2. The raising of money by taxation:
3. The borrowing of money on the credit of the City:
4. Streets, bridges, lands, highways and seashore, and the right of passage over, above, across, along or beneath the same:
5. Sewers, drains and aqueducts:
6. Parks, squares and boulevards:
7. Railways, tramways and ferries:
8. Licences for trading and peddling:
9. The public peace and safety, and public morals:
10. Civic Courts:
11. Health and Sanitation, including the prevention of disease and contagion:
12. Public works and improvements:
13. Precautions against fire and explosions:
14. Masters and servants:
15. Regulation of trades:
16. Water, heat, light, electricity, and the acquisition of existing undertakings:

17. The granting of franchises and privileges to persons or companies :

18. The inspection of food with a view to preventing adulteration :

19. The sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors :

And to raise Municipal revenue by a business tax on all professions, trades, manufactories, financial or commercial institutions, warehouses, store-houses, occupations, arts and handicraft, or means or livelihood, carried on or exercised by any person in the city ; provided that such business tax does not exceed  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the annual value of the premises in which such trades, manufactories, financial and commercial institutions, arts, professions or means of profit and livelihood are respectively exercised or carried on, and certain special taxes on retail liquor licences, bottlers' or grocers' licences, wholesale licences, restaurant licences, club licences, bicycles, automobiles, milkmen, carters, horses and vehicles, vessels, employment offices, laundries, itinerant traders, billiard-rooms, nickel-in-the-slot machines, butcher-shops, brokers, etc., transient traders, pawnbrokers, auctioneers, circuses, life and accident insurance companies, fire insurance companies, banks, detective agencies, franchises, distillers, brewers, lotteries.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act to incorporate the City of North Vancouver, granting to the said City the powers and privileges before set forth and such other powers and privileges as may be deemed conducive to or expedient for the good government of the said City.

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

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1906.

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