
No. 15.

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 Otis Staples and J. Harvey Staples, both of Bayard, British Columbia, sheweth :—

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating a line of railway of standard gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity, or any other power, for the carrying of freight, passengers and express ; commencing at a point on the North Star Branch of the British Columbia Southern Railway, about one mile west of Bayard ; thence northerly along the east side of Luke Creek to Lot 341 ; thence north-easterly to a point on Cherry Creek near Lot 710, with a branch line from a point on Lot 341 northerly to a point on Cherry Creek west of Lot 339, and other branch lines, not exceeding ten miles each in length ; to connect with and enter into running arrangements with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company or any other railway situate near proposed railway or any part thereof, and to construct sidings at any such connections ; to receive from any person, Government, or body corporate, grants of land, money, or other assets in aid of the construction of said undertaking, with power to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of its business and for the public ; with such other powers and privileges as are usually given to railway companies.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act constituting your petitioners, and such other persons, firms and corporations as may hereafter become shareholders in the said company, a body corporate and politic, under the name of "St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway Company," conferring upon the said company the rights, powers and privileges hereinbefore set out and referred to.

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

Dated at Cranbrook, B.C., this 27th day of December, A.D. 1905.

OTIS STAPLES,
J. HARVEY STAPLES.

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