PETITION

TO BRING IN A BILL ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE CONSOLIDATED RAILWAY AND LIGHT COMPANY'S ACT, 1894."

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

The humble petition of "The Consolidated Railway and Light Company" humbly sheweth:—

- 1. That your petitioner is a Company incorporated by 57 Victoria, 1894, Chapter 56, being intituled the "Consolidated Railway and Light Company's Act, 1894."
- 2. That, by sections 17, 18, and 19 of the said Act, your petitioner is given the power to acquire franchises, rights, properties, and privileges of other companies, and it is by the said sections enacted that your petitioner shall, when said rights have been acquired, be invested with all the powers and privileges, rights and franchises of such companies so acquired.
- 3. That your petitioner has acquired the property, real and personal, rights, privileges, powers, and franchises of the following companies, namely:—"The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company," "The Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Company, Limited Liability," "The North Vancouver Electric Company."
- 4. That it is in the interest of your petitioner and of the public that the rights, privileges, powers, and franchises conferred on them by virtue of its said Act of Incorporation, and acquired by it by virtue of the acquisition of the rights, privileges, powers, and franchises of the said companies, should be amended and consolidated in one Act.
- 5. That your petitioner is desirous of having the said Act, being 57 Victoria, 1894, Chapter 56, so amended and consolidated as to give it all the franchises, rights, and powers granted by Statute to the several companies referred to, or to any other companies or company purchases, taken over, leased, or otherwise acquired by your petitioner in pursuance of sections 17, 18, and 19 of the said Act of Incorporation, and by confirming any and every purchase, lease, or other acquisition made or obtained by virtue of the said sections, and, by extending the powers given to your petitioner, to enable your petitioner to purchase, lease, take over, or otherwise acquire franchises, rights, and powers of any company in any part of the Province of British Columbia having similar objects to those of your petitioner, and empowering any such company to sell its undertaking to your petitioner; and in case of the sale of the property and franchises of any such company for default in payment of debentures or otherwise, that your petitioner may purchase the same, and the trustees or liquidators may sell the property and franchises to your petitioner, with powers to amalgamate with such other company or companies, and to vest in your petitioner all the franchises, rights, powers, and privileges of all and every company or companies mentioned in the said Act of Incorporation, and all and every other company or companies so purchased, leased, taken over, or acquired, with power to your petitioner to operate and carry on the business of any such company so purchased in any part of British Columbia; and with power also to enter upon and expropriate lands, and to open and break up the soil and pavements of the roads, streets, or bridges in any municipality, city, or town in the said Province, for the purpose of laying rails, erecting poles, or for any other purpose of your petitioner, and for all such other powers as may be necessary to fully and completely carry on and operate the works aforesaid, or any of them.

Therefore, your petitioner most humbly prays that leave will be granted to bring into Your Honourable Assembly a Bill, as aforesaid, to amend and consolidate your petitioner's Act of Incorporation, being 57 Victoria, 1894, Chapter 56.

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

THE CONSOLIDATED RAILWAY AND LIGHT Co.

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J. Buntzen, Secretary.

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