

No. 4.

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 incorporating a company to construct, equip, maintain and operate a single or double line of railway, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other mode of power, at and from the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia; thence north-west, by the most feasible route, to a point at or near Seymour Narrows, in the said Province of British Columbia; and with power to construct, establish, maintain and continually operate a railway ferry steamship service for the purpose of transferring, for reward, passengers and passenger and freight cars from the said point at or near Seymour Narrows, in Vancouver Island, to a point on the Mainland of the Province of British Columbia; and with further powers to build, equip, maintain and operate branches of the said railway from any point on the main line thereof to any point in Vancouver Island; and with power to build and operate tramways in connection with the said railway; and with power to build, construct, equip, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railways and branches; and with power to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and for all, any and every other purpose mentioned in sections 80, 81, 82 and 83 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and to do everything necessary or incidental to the carrying out of all or any of the objects referred to in the said sections; and with power to exercise all the powers given to the Company by Parts IV. and V. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897"; and with power to build, own and maintain sawmills; and to carry on a general express business; and to build, maintain and operate bridges, roads, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, steamboats, steamships, coal bunkers and other works; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamship or steamboat and other companies; and with power to appropriate lands for the purposes of the Company; and to acquire land bonuses, privileges or other aid from any Government or municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and with power to build waggon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of same, and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the Company, whether before or after the construction of the railway; and with power to sell out its undertaking; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights or privileges as may be necessary or conducive to the above objects, or any of them.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act granting to your petitioners the above powers.

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

Dated this 24th day of March, A. D. 1902.

JAMES N. GREENSHIELDS,
T. G. HOLT,
HAROLD B. ROBERTSON,
JAMES MITCHELL.