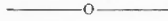


PETITION.



To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in Parliament assembled :

The humble petition of the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of the City of Nanaimo and Province of British Columbia, respectfully sheweth :—

First.—That owing to the rejection by the Senate of the Yukon Railway Bill, the construction of a railway from Glenora to Teslin Lake will be prevented for this season.

Second.—That it will be difficult to estimate the damage that this Province will suffer in consequence of such rejection.

Third.—That it is highly desirable that prompt steps should be taken with all reasonable diligence to provide for the commencement of such a line of railway.

Fourth.—That it is of vital importance to the agricultural, manufacturing and commercial interests of this Province that such a railway be at once commenced and completed this season and that it be extended from Glenora to a British seaport with all possible dispatch.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the above-mentioned matters may receive your early consideration, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

THOMAS KITCHIN.

THOS. O'CONNELL.

J. H. HAWTHORNTHWAITHE

and 262 others.

Nanaimo, B. C., 21st April, 1898.

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