No. 7.

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

The humble petition of Harry Abbott, Richard Marpole, George McLaren Brown, and William F. Salsbury, all of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, sheweth,—

That your petitioners are desirous of having passed an Act of your Honourable House incorporating a Company to be known as the "Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company," with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of standard gauge railway, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other motive power, from some point on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway in or near the City of Vancouver, and thence by the most feasible route to a point on the Westminster branch of the said Canadian Pacific Railway in or near the City of New Westminster, with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines, and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries and other works, and to build, own, and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, own and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province, and with power to build, epuip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to acquire and expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any Government, municipality, corporation, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the Company, and to make traffic and other arrangements with railway, steamboat, or other companies, and for all other usual and necessary powers, rights or privileges.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honourable House will be pleased to enact accordingly.

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

Dated at Vancouver this 30th day of March, A. D. 1900.

H. ABBOTT, RICHARD MARPOLE, G. McL. BROWN, W. F. SALSBURY.