

No. 58.

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 petition of William Edgar Oliver, of the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth :—

That your petitioner is desirous of incorporating a company, to be known as "The Coast-Kootenay Railway Company, Limited," with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a single or double line of railway, of standard or narrow gauge, for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, from a point on Burrard Inlet, at or near the City of Vancouver; thence via the City of New Westminster, in an easterly direction along the south side of the valley of the Fraser River, to some point on the said Fraser River, between the junction of the Chilliwack River with the said Fraser River and the Town of Yale; thence in an easterly direction along the valley of the Chilliwack, Coquehalla, Tulameen, and Similkameen Rivers, or some of them, or the tributaries thereof or some of them, by the most feasible route to a point between Penticton and the International Boundary, on the water-course connecting Okanagan and Osoyoos Lakes; thence by the most feasible route to a point on the Kettle River at or near Rock Creek; thence by the most feasible route to a point at or near Midway; thence by the most feasible route to a point at or near the City of Grand Forks; with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate, from any point on the said railway, branches and extensions of the same of not more than 30 miles in length, and roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks and coal bunkers; with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, telegraphs, telephones and tramways, aerial or otherwise, and to carry on a general express business, either as separate undertakings or in connection with the said railway and the said branches and extensions; with power to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and dispose of and deal with the same, at a profit, in any of the districts or localities through which the said railway, branches and extensions pass; with power to expropriate lands for any of the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any Government, municipality or other persons or bodies corporate; with power to construct, equip, acquire, lease, maintain and operate smelters, reduction, refining, concentrating, or other works for the handling and treatment of ores; with power to acquire and operate coal lands and dispose of the proceeds thereof; with power to acquire, construct, and operate hotels; with power to make traffic or other arrangements, or amalgamate, or connect with any railway, steamboat or other company; or lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the assets of any such company; with power to build waggon roads to be used in the construction of said railway and its extensions and branches, and in advance of the same, and to

levy and collect tolls from all parties using and all freight passing over any such roads, or any such aforesaid docks, wharves, railways, ferries or vessels owned or operated by the Company, whether built before or after the passage of the Act hereby applied for, and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary, or incidental, or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Your petitioner, therefore, prays that your Honourable House will be pleased, at the present session, to pass an Act incorporating the said Company with the powers and for the purpose aforesaid.

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

Dated at Victoria, this 11th day of February, A. D. 1901.

W. E. OLIVER.

Witness :

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