

No. 1.

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislature of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled :

The petition of the undersigned, Sir Charles Ross, Baronet, Joseph Benjamin McArthur, and Thomas Mayne Daly, all of Rossland, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth :—

1. That it is in the interest of the public that the northern portion of the Province should be opened up by the construction of a railway from some point on the Skeena River at or near the Yellow Head Pass, or in the alternative to some point on the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia, by way of the Parsnip River.

2. That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a railway and colonization company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway from some point at or near the head of steamboat navigation on the Skeena River ; thence by the most feasible route to a point at or near the Yellow Head Pass, or in the alternative to some point on the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia by way of the Parsnip River, with power to extend the said line from the starting point down to the mouth of the said Skeena River ; and also to authorise and empower the Company to build, from time to time, branch lines to farming lands and to groups of mines and concentrators from any of the above-mentioned lines of railway, such branch lines not to exceed thirty miles in length ; with power to build telegraph and telephone lines, and to equip and operate the said railway and its branches, and to erect and maintain all necessary works for the generation and transmission of electricity or power within the area of the operations of the said Company, and with power to build, maintain and operate wharves, docks and steamboats, saw mills, and acquire water privileges, to construct dams, flumes, etc., for improving and increasing the water privileges, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railways, steamboats or other companies, and for all other usual and necessary powers, rights or privileges for the purpose of a railway and colonization company.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating them for the purposes aforesaid, and conferring upon them all necessary powers in that behalf.

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

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