
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, humbly sheweth:—

That whereas, in view of a private Bill granting a charter to a company proposing to construct a railroad from the Town of Trail in Kootenay to Penticton on Okanagan Lake, having passed through the Committee of Your Honourable House, and whereas, it is understood the time stipulated for the completion of such railroad being six years from the date of such charter; and

Whereas, expression of public opinion on this matter has already been forwarded to the Legislative Assembly, requesting the Government to avoid granting any lengthy term, and suggesting safeguards for the expeditious completion of such a railroad, it is therefore unani- mously resolved,—

That this meeting do hereby most earnestly bring to the notice of your Honourable House the great injustice that such a charter would do to the Okanagan and Sapllumcheen Districts, inasmuch as it is of most urgent necessity that an outlet for the products of these districts should be found at the earliest date possible, and that this meeting strongly protest against the granting of any charter to parties requiring more than two years to complete construction, and it is further urged that in the event of any parties holding a charter for this purpose, and not fulfilling their agreement within the specified time, that any other parties would have the right to construct a railroad from Penticton to complete connection with the same, and would also enjoy a free right to run over any such railway as might be then built.

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

Vernon, B.C., February 24th, 1896.

F. ADRIAN MEYER,
Chairman.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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