

# 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 humble petition of the Corporation of the City of Vancouver and the ratepayers thereof, sheweth :—

That by a certain indenture of contract, dated the eleventh day of February, 1889, and by two by-laws numbered respectively by-laws 73 and 76, of the City of Vancouver, the said City of Vancouver granted permission to the Vancouver Street Railway Company to use certain streets of the said city for the purpose of operating street cars thereon, subject to certain terms and conditions in the said indenture and by-laws contained by the said Vancouver Street Railway Company, to be observed and performed.

That the said Vancouver Street Railway Company have failed to observe and perform certain conditions in the said contract and by-laws contained, and by reason thereof the said city has given the said Company notice that the privileges granted them will be forfeited unless the said conditions are carried out.

That the said Company has forfeited certain of the privileges granted it by not observing the conditions of the said indenture and by-laws.

That by a certain indenture of contract, dated the 24th day of August, 1891, and by by-law numbered by-law 128, of the said City of Vancouver, the said City of Vancouver granted to the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, certain rights and permission to use certain streets of the said City of Vancouver, for the purpose of operating street cars thereon, subject to certain terms and conditions in the said indenture and by-law contained, by the said Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company to be observed and performed.

That a petition has been presented to your Honourable House praying that an Act may be passed incorporating a company to be known as "The Consolidated Railway and Light Company," and granting to the aforesaid Company to be formed, power to take over and acquire the rights, privileges, and franchise of the said Vancouver Street Railway Company and the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, and to consolidate the said Companies, vesting in the said Consolidated Railway and Light Company the rights, privileges, and franchises of the said Companies, or either of them.

That if such an Act be passed into law and the powers prayed for be conferred on the said Consolidated Railway and Light Company, your petitioners humbly submit that the interests of the City of Vancouver will be injuriously affected, as the said city do not consent to any such transfer being made, and that no such powers to transfer should be authorized when one of the aforesaid companies has failed to fulfil the conditions of the contract entered into with the said city, and the by-laws enacted by the said city, and has already by such failure incurred the forfeiture of certain privileges granted by the said city.

That if the said Companies are consolidated there will be one company operating outside the city limits, consolidated with a company operating inside the city limits, without the consent of the said city.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will not grant the prayer of the petition of the promoters of the said Consolidated Railways and Light Company, and will not pass the said Bill into law.

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

R. A. ANDERSON,  
*Mayor.*

THOS. MCGUIGAN,  
*City Clerk.*

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