

No. 19.

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 Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company, whose head office is at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, sheweth:—

1. That your petitioners were incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, being chapter 50 of the Statutes of 1900, with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity, or any other motive power, for the carrying of passengers and freight from a point on Kitamaat Inlet, in Coast District, Province of British Columbia, by the most convenient and feasible route to a point at or near Hazelton, on the Skeena River, in the District of Cassiar, Province aforesaid.

2. By chapter 77 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1902, section 10 of the Act of Incorporation was amended giving the Company power to build a branch line from any point at or near Hazelton, on the main line of the railway, by the most feasible and practicable route, following the general direction of Bulkley River to a point at or near its junction with the Telkwa River, in Cassiar District aforesaid.

3. That by chapter 67 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1905, the time limited for the completion of the work of construction of the Company's line of railway was extended until the 1st day of May, 1909.

4. That it is impossible for such undertaking to be completed by that date, and your petitioners are desirous of obtaining a further extension for the completion of the said line of railway until the 26th day of June, 1911.

5. That it is in the interests of the public that a railway should be constructed also from the junction of the Skeena and Copper Rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, to the junction of the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, in the Province of British Columbia:

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act to amend the "Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Act, 1900," being 64 Victoria, chapter 50 of the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, by giving the Company power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway also from the junction of the Skeena and Copper Rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, to the junction of the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, in the Province of British Columbia; and to amend the "Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Act Amendment Act, 1905," being 5 Edward VII. of the Statutes of British Columbia, by extending the time for the completion of the work of construction of the line of railway, as limited by section two (2) of the said Act, until the 26th day of June, 1911.

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

In witness whereof, the Common Seal of the Company is hereunto affixed, this 4th day of January in the year of Our Lord, 1909.

The Common Seal of the Pacific Northern }
& Omineca Railway Company was here- } [L.S.]
unto affixed in the presence of :

CHAS. M. HAYS,
President.

HENRY PHILIPS,
Secretary.

VICTORIA, B. C. :

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