

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 "Royal City Planing Mills Company, Limited," and the "Hastings Mills Company, Limited," and of John Hendry, David McNair, C. M. Beecher, William Norman Bole, David Oppenheimer, Campbell Sweeney, Richard H. Alexander, shareholders in the said Companies, sheweth :—

1. That the "Royal City Planing Mills Company, Limited," and the "Hastings Saw Mills Company, Limited," have for some years past carried on the business of timber and lumber merchants and manufacturers at the Cities of New Westminster and Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, and, for the more convenient and profitable working of such businesses, find it expedient that the business of the said Companies should be under one management, and be extended and owned and operated by a body possessed of such powers as are hereinafter referred to.

2. Your petitioners, therefore, desire that by an Act of your Honourable House the said John Hendry, David McNair, C. M. Beecher, and certain other persons to be therein referred to, may be incorporated by the name of "The British Columbia Mills, Timber, and Trading Company," and that powers may be conferred on the said Company to purchase, take over, or otherwise acquire the shares in the capital, and all or any of the business, property, rights, and privileges of the "Royal City Planing Mills Company, Limited" at New Westminster and elsewhere, and of the "Hastings Saw Mill Company, Limited" at the City of Vancouver and elsewhere, and the whole or any part of the good-will, stock in trade, timber leases, timber limits, assets and property, real and personal, of the said Companies respectively, subject to the obligations, if any, affecting the same. To pay the price thereof wholly or partly in cash, or wholly or partly in debentures of the Company, or otherwise, and to undertake, assume, guarantee, or pay all or any of the obligations, liabilities, contracts, and engagements of the said Companies respectively, and the obligations affecting the assets and property so purchased or acquired, and to provide for the said Companies being merged in the said Company and extinguished, and to operate and carry on the business of the said Mills ;

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, and construct roads, dams, bridges, aqueducts, flumes, slides, &c., and to dispose of the same, or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise ;

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, build and operate, equip and maintain, mills, factories, and machine shops of any description, steam vessels and other vessels of any description, railways, tramways, wharves, canals, and ferries, and to dispose of the same by sale or otherwise ;

To charge, levy and collect towage, transport, wharfage and other dues from any person or persons making use of any of the Company's property, rights, or privileges on or for which dues are usually charged or collected by persons engaged in or carrying on either of the several branches of business which the Company shall be engaged in or carry on ;

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, leases of timber and other lands, timber limits, timber, booming, rafting, and other privileges, and to dispose of the same, or any interests therein, by sale or otherwise ;

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, and hold lands and dispose of the same, or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise ;

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, gold, silver, and other ores and minerals, mines, and quarries, logs, timber, lumber and merchandise of any description, bills of lading, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and securities for money, and to dispose of the same ;

To exercise and carry on the business of mill owners (saw, grist, or other mills), timber and lumber merchants in all its branches, manufacturers, wharfingers, and carriers, and to conduct and carry on a shipping, towing, and general trading business, and to undertake agencies, and conduct financial business of any kind otherwise than that of banking or insurance;

To take or otherwise acquire shares in any boom, or harbour, river, streams, or canal improvement company, and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same;

To make, accept, endorse, or execute cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, and other negotiable instruments;

To do and perform all such acts, matters, and things as the Company may deem necessary, incidental, or otherwise conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above objects, or to the conversion or disposition of any security or property held by the Company.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating the "British Columbia Mills, Timber, and Trading Company," conferring upon the said Company the powers above set forth or referred to.

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

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Directors. { JOHN HENDRY,
DAVID McNAIR,
CHARLES M. BEECHER,
DAVID McNAIR,
Secretary.

Hastings Saw Mill Company, Limited,

W. NORMAN BOLE,
Chairman.

JAS. L. RAYMUR,
Secretary,
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