

No. 18.

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 undersigned sheweth:—

That your petitioner is desirous of incorporating a company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, operating and maintaining a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point at or near the Town of Revelstoke, West Kootenay District, or from a point across the Columbia River south-westerly from Revelstoke; thence following the Columbia and Canoe Rivers to Tête Jaune Cache; thence by the most feasible route along the Fraser and Parsnip Rivers to the 56th parallel; thence by the most practicable and feasible route to Dease Lake; thence by the most practicable route to Teslin Lake, on the Northern Boundary of the Province; or from the Parsnip River at the 56th parallel, by the most practicable and feasible route to the Northern Boundary of the Province at a point on the Liard River;

Also a branch line from Tête Jaune Cache to the Eastern Boundary of the Province by way of the Yellow Head Pass;

Also a branch line from Revelstoke, or across the Columbia River south-westerly from Revelstoke to Arrow Lake; thence to Trout Lake; thence to the headwaters of the Kootenay Lake; and to build and operate tramways in connection therewith, with power to construct, operate and maintain branch lines, and all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries; and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and with power to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph or telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company; and to acquire loans, bonuses, privileges or aids from any Government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the Company; and with power to make traffic at other arrangements with the railway, steamboat or other companies; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Your petitioner, therefore, prays that your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act granting to your petitioner the above powers.

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

Dated this 31st day of January, 1898.

A. B. COTTON.

VICTORIA, B. C. :

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