

No. 16a.

PETITION.

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To the Honourable Speaker, Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

The humble petition of Archibald Waring Giles, of Vernon, British Columbia, sheweth as follows:—

1. That your petitioner, with others, desires to form a company for the purpose of conducting an insurance business issuing policies against loss by—

- (1.) Fire or lightning on all classes of property:
- (2.) Breakage of plate or other glass:
- (3.) Liability of employers in respect of personal injuries to their employees:
- (4.) Death of live stock.

2. That your petitioner, with others, associated for the purposes of forming such a company within the past fortnight, being a date too late for the insertion of a notice of application for a Private Bill for this Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province.

3. That unless your petitioner and associates are permitted to incorporate at this Session of your Honourable Body, there is great danger that the delay may prevent the formation of a company for above purposes.

4. That the class of business to be carried on by the proposed company will retain within the Province considerable sums of money which otherwise would be paid to companies at places outside the Province.

5. That a company such as your petitioner proposes to form, having its head office within the Province, would remove many of the difficulties now experienced by insurers in obtaining policies of insurance over their properties and also facilitate the collection of indemnity in the event of loss.

6. That a company of such character would be of great utility in the Province.

Your petitioner, therefore, prays that your Honourable Body may be pleased to direct that your petitioner be at liberty to present a petition for leave to present a Bill for the incorporation of a company for the above objects at this Session of your Honourable Body.

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

ARCHIBALD WARING GILES.

Witness:

ALBERT T. JOHNSON.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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