

No. 13.

PETITION.

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*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislature of British Columbia,
in Parliament assembled :*

The petition of the undersigned, Edmund James Palmer, of Chemainus, in the Province of British Columbia, Lumberman; James H. Lawson, of the City of Victoria, Merchant; Robert Ker, of the same place, Merchant, humbly sheweth:—

1. That it is in the interest of the public that the railway, as hereinafter described, should be constructed.

2. Your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a Company to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway (standard or narrow gauge), for the carrying of passengers and freight from some point on Horseshoe Bay, in the District of Nanaimo, Vancouver Island; thence in a north-westerly direction by the most convenient and feasible route to a point on Nanaimo lakes; thence by the most direct and feasible route to a point at the head of Alberni Canal, with power to build a branch line to the head-waters of Chemainus River by the most feasible route, 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 operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and for all and every other purpose mentioned in sections 80, 81, 82 and 83 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and to do everything necessary or incidental to the carrying out of all or any of the objects referred to in said sections; and with power to appropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other 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 or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating them for the purpose aforesaid, and conferring upon them the necessary powers in that behalf.

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

Dated at Victoria the 21st day of December, A.D. 1899.

EDMUND JAMES PALMER.
J. H. LAWSON.
R. J. KER.

VICTORIA, B. C. :