
PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of B. C., in Parliament assembled :

The petition of the undersigned residents of South Wellington, B. C., humbly sheweth:—

That the proper development of any country is materially helped by efficient means of transportation and inter-communication.

That the period in the history of this Province has arrived when some steps should be taken to have the country opened up by railways, etc.

That the only efficient way by which to do this is for the Government to undertake the construction and operation of such public utilities as a Government undertaking, and operate the same for the benefit of the people.

That the system of voting the people's money to promoters to induce someone to build a public work for their own pecuniary gain is wrong in principle, pernicious in its effects, and detrimental to the best interests of the great mass of the people.

That at the late general election a majority of the members elect professed a belief in Government ownership of railways.

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body will take such steps as to make good pre-election pledges by inaugurating a system of Government ownership of railways.

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

ISAAC HARRIS,
ROBERT WILLIS,
ANGELO DORIN,
MICHEL H. SMITH,
And 39 others.

[A similar petition from Ymir, signed by ALFRED PARR and 43 others.]

[A similar petition from Slocan City, signed by J. E. SKINNER and 135 others.]

[A similar petition from Phoenix, signed by JOHN RIORDAN and 149 others.]

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