

No. 5.

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 petition of the undersigned, humbly sheweth :—

That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated under the corporate name of the "Vancouver, Northern and Yukon Railway Company," with all usual corporate powers, and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point at the City of Vancouver, or some other convenient point on the shore of Burrard Inlet ; thence running in a northerly direction by way of Seymour Creek, or the most feasible route, to the Squamish Valley ; thence by the most feasible route through the Pemberton Meadows to Lillooet ; thence northerly to Quesnelle ; thence north-westerly to Hazelton, or some other point on the Skeena River ; and thence northerly to the northern boundary of the Province ; with power to build a branch line from or near Hazelton along the valley of the Black River to the northern boundary of the Province ; with power to build branch lines from said railway to Fort St. John ; with power also to build branch lines east and west from the main line along the north shore of Burrard Inlet to Howe Sound and the west shore of the North Arm of said Inlet ; with power also to build and operate branch lines from time to time to groups of mines and to farming lands, from any point on the main line or any of its branches ; with power in operating the railway and its branches to use steam, electricity, or other motive power ; with power to build telegraph and telephone lines for the purposes of the Company and for transmission of messages for the public and commercial purposes ; with power to build all necessary bridges and roadways, and to build, operate and maintain wharves, docks, and sawmills, and own and operate ferries, and with power to equip and maintain steam and other vessels and operate the same in connection with the railway and its branches, on any navigable waters along or near the line of railway and its branches ; with power to acquire water rights and to construct dams, flumes, etc., for improving and increasing the water privileges, and to generate electricity for operating the railway and any of its branches ; and to erect and maintain all necessary works for the generation and transmission of electricity or power within the area of the operation of the said Company, and for the supply of light and heat and other power ; and with power to expropriate lands for the purpose of the Company ; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, municipal corporation, or persons or bodies corporate, and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using and on all freight passing over any of such roads, ferries and wharves and carried on any of the vessels used, built or operated by the Company ; and with power to lease, make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual, necessary, or incidental rights, powers and privileges in any way conducive to the attainment of the aforesaid objects.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass an Act for the purposes above mentioned.

Dated this 24th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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