

No. 29A.
 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 Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria and of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, sheweth as follows:—

Your petitioners, on or about the 8th day of September, 1909, entered into a formal agreement for the protection of your petitioning Company in the event of your petitioning City Municipality desiring to exercise at any time its powers for providing electric lighting or electric power as public utilities for the City, in competition with your petitioning Company, and agreeing to place certain restrictions upon the exercise of the power conferred upon your petitioning Municipality by virtue of section 50 of the "Municipal Clauses Act"; and, as consideration, your petitioning Company agreed to give to the City of Victoria certain privileges, and agreed to construct an extension of their plant to provide additional lighting and power to the citizens at stipulated charges.

Such agreement was submitted to the electors of the City of Victoria, and, after ratification by them, was executed by your respective petitioners, and is now binding upon them respectively.

The by-law of the City passed with the consent of the electors is attached to this petition.

In and by the said agreement and by-law your petitioners agreed to seek from your Honourable Body certain amendments in the said agreement set forth, if your Honourable Body will be pleased to grant the same, either by way of amendment to the "Municipal Clauses Act" or by a private Bill to be submitted for the consideration of your Honourable Body, at the expense of your petitioning Company.

Your petitioners desire to urge that the said agreement, as validated by by-law, is essential to the progress and well-being of the City of Victoria, and your petitioners beg that legislation may be enacted, either by amendment to any Act amending the "Municipal Clauses Act" to be introduced during the present session, as set forth in the said by-law agreement, or by a section validating the said by-law agreement, or by the Bill which has been prepared at the instance of your petitioners in that behalf.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO., LTD.

[L. s.]

A. T. GOWARD, *Local Manager.*

W. J. DOWLER,

A. G. MORLEY,

Clerk, Municipal Council.

Mayor.