
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of H. P. Breutzen sheweth as follows:—

I, a lawful subject of Her Most Gracious Majesty and a resident of this Province, pray your attention to the consideration of my grievance, and cause investigation into the land transactions of the Western Department of the Hudson's Bay Company, by which I have suffered great wrong and damage.

The parcel of land petitioned for consists of thirty acres, three acres of which are under fence and under cultivation, with dwelling house and necessary offices thereon.

I arrived here (being in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company) in 1852, and took up the land in question and built a dwelling house on it in 1876. In 1877 I left the Hudson's Bay Company's employ through bad health, and I have lived on the property ever since. The same year, being desirous of obtaining the title to the land, I wrote to Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works Department in Victoria applying for the same, but received no reply whatever to my application.

I beg, also, to state that when I took up the land in question it belonged to the Crown, and remained such until the arrival here of Mr. Judge O'Reilly, some years after sent up for the settling up of some land matters in this District. I gave him all the particulars regarding my claim to the property I occupy, but he took no notice whatever of the same, and the fact that I had lived so long on the land seemed to count for nothing, and he persisted in giving the ground in question to the Hudson's Bay Company.

I humbly beg your attention to my plaint, and your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

HANS PAUL BREUTZEN.

PORT SIMPSON, B. C., 20th December, 1894.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

Printed by RICHARD WOLFENDEN, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

1894.