

No. 3.

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, John Irving, Harry F. Bullen and Francis Brooke Gregory, all of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth :—

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company with power to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway of standard gauge from a point at or near Hazelton, by the most feasible and practicable route, to a point on the northern boundary of British Columbia at or near Teslin Lake, or Atlin Lake, or both ; also from Hazelton by the most feasible and practicable route *via* the Skeena, Babine, Driftwood, Omineca and Findlay Rivers, to Peace River Pass, or Pine River, or both ; thence easterly to the eastern boundary of the said Province, with authority also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any points on the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case 100 miles in length, and with power to construct, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith ; and to construct, own, acquire, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats and operate the same on any navigable waters, and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of said railway and its branches or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes and collect tolls therefor ; and to acquire and receive from any Government, corporations or persons, grants of land, rights of way, money, bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking, and to connect with and to enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass an Act incorporating a Company with the powers and for the purposes above mentioned.

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

JOHN IRVING,
HARRY F. BULLEN,
FRANCIS B. GREGORY.