

No. 2.

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, David B. May, W. H. Duval, Lewis E. Bensen, William H. Harding, Jr., James McLachlan, and John Braden, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a company to be called the "Hudson Bay Pacific Railway Company," with power to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway of standard or other gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other power, for the carrying of passengers, freight and express; commencing from a point at or near Port Simpson or Work Channel, in the Coast District, British Columbia, by the most feasible and practicable route to a point on the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia, *via* the south-west side of Work Channel to the Skeena River; thence up the north side of the Skeena River to a point near Hazelton; thence to the junction of the Bulkley River; thence up the right bank of this river eight (8) miles to the Suskewa River; thence up this river by a low divide to the head of Babine Lake; thence to the north end of Stuart Lake; thence north of McLeod Lake to the Misnichinca River; thence up the Misnichinca River by Summit Lake to Pine River Pass; thence north-westerly to the head of Pine River and down this River to Moberly Lake, and thence by the Peace River to the eastern boundary of the said Province of British Columbia; with power to construct, operate and maintain branch lines to any point within twenty miles from the main line of railway; also to establish permanent side-tracks for collecting and distributing yards on said main line or any of its branch lines; to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines, along the routes of the said railway and its branches or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes; to generate electricity and to supply light, heat and power, and erect, construct, build and maintain the necessary buildings and works, and to generate any kind of power for the purposes aforesaid or in connection therewith, for reward; to connect with and enter into running arrangements with any railway situate near said proposed railway, or any part thereof; and to construct terminal sidings at any such connections; to receive from the Government, person, or body corporate, grants of land, money, bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking, with power to own, use and operate water power convenient to the road for railway and other purposes, and to exercise such powers as are granted by Parts IV. and V. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act," and with such other powers and privileges as are usually given to railway companies and incidental thereto, with power to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and hold coal lands, oil lands, or other mineral lands in the Districts of Coast and Cariboo, or any interest therein, and work, operate, develop, lease or sell the same.

And whereas the development of the resources of Coast and Cariboo Districts will be to the general advantage of the Province of British Columbia, and will open a large extent of country at present undeveloped awaiting transportation facilities :

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, etc.

DAVID B. MAY.
WM. H. DUVAL,
WM. H. HARDING, JR.,
JOHN BRADEN.

Dated the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1908.

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