

No. 10A.

PETITION.

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To the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth:—

1. That your petitioners are residents or property owners in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia.

2. That by the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904," being chapter 60 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1903-4, powers were given to the Corporation of the City of Vancouver to expropriate lands, rights, littoral, riparian interests, rights of access to the waters of False Creek, or foreshore rights in or contiguous to the foreshore and waters of all that portion of False Creek more particularly described and set out in section one of the said "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904," for the purpose or purposes therein described and set out, and that such right by said Statute ended and terminated on the 1st day of January, 1908.

3. That by the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904, Amendment Act, 1906," being chapter 36 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1906," the said first mentioned Statute was amended as therein set out and the time for exercising said right of expropriation was extended to and ended and terminated upon the 1st day of January, 1909.

4. That by the "False Creek Foreshore Act, 1904, Amendment Act, 1908," being chapter 16 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1908, said first mentioned Statute was amended and the said right of expropriation was extended to and ended and terminated upon the 1st day of February, 1909.

5. That, as your petitioners are informed and verily believe, it is the intention of the said Corporation of Vancouver to apply and ask that a further Act or Statute be passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, further extending the time for the exercise of the said right of expropriation for the period of six years.

6. That your petitioners are the owners of land, property and foreshore rights subject to expropriation under the said Statutes, and which would be subject to expropriation if such a further Act or Statute were enacted extending the time for the exercise of such right of expropriation as aforesaid, and that your petitioners have established various mills, plants, factories and industries upon and in connection with the said lands, property and foreshore rights.

7. That the said Corporation of the City of Vancouver has not at any time heretofore in any way exercised the said right of expropriation or taken any steps or proceedings therefor, and that your petitioners have always been and are in ignorance as to whether or not the said Corporation of the City of Vancouver will exercise said right of expropriation, and as a consequence thereof your petitioners have been unable to build upon, improve and increase the value of their said lands, property and foreshore rights, and will be unable so to do if the said extension of time for exercising the said right of expropriation is granted or allowed by an Act

or Statute in that behalf, for the reason that in the past your petitioners have always had hanging over them the said right of expropriation and never knew when the same might be, or whether or not the same would be, exercised, and in the future your petitioners would still have the said right of expropriation hanging over them and would never know when the same would be, or whether or not the same might be, exercised.

8. That by reason of the facts aforesaid your petitioners' said lands, property and foreshore rights have been rendered of very much less value to them than they should have been or would otherwise have been, and your petitioners have suffered serious loss thereby, and if the time for the exercise of the said right of expropriation is granted by enactment of the Statute aforesaid, your petitioners' said lands, property and foreshore rights will continue to be of much less value than they should be or would otherwise be, and your petitioners will continue to suffer serious loss thereby.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray :—

1. That the enactment of such an Act or Statute so extending the said right of expropriation and any such extension of said right of expropriation be refused and disallowed.

2. In the alternative, if any such Act or Statute is enacted and the time for exercising the said right of expropriation is extended at all, that such extension of time be for not longer than, and that such Act or Statute provides that such right of expropriation be exercised not later than, within ninety days.

And your petitioners will ever humbly pray.

G. F., & J. GALT,
PACIFIC BOX Co.,
J. M. PATTULLO, Proprietor,
BAYNES & HORIE,
and 28 others.

VICTORIA, B. C.

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