

No. 14.

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia :

The petition of the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay humbly sheweth as follows :—

That under and by virtue of the Act 64 Victoria, Chapter 45, of the Statutes of British Columbia, intituled "An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster," all that portion of the Province of British Columbia lying to the east of the 120th meridian of west longitude was severed from the Diocese of New Westminster.

That a new Diocese has been created, under the style and title of the Diocese of Kootenay," which comprises that portion of said Province which is described as follows :—

Commencing at a point on the 49th parallel of north latitude, part of the International Boundary Line between Canada and the United States, where said parallel intersects said 120th meridian ; thence northerly along said meridian to that point of the same at which it becomes the eastern boundary line of the Province of British Columbia ; thence south-easterly and along the boundary line between British Columbia and the North-West Territories, until such last-mentioned boundary line intersects said 49th parallel ; thence westerly along said 49th parallel to the point of commencement.

That the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay, consisting of clergy and laity of the Church of England in said Diocese, has been organised for the management of the affairs and property of said Church in said Diocese.

That it is in the interests of said Diocese that said Synod should be incorporated.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that a special Act of the Legislative Assembly may be passed to constitute the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in said Diocese a body corporate, under the name of "The Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay," with a constitution and canons similar to those of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, as revised in November, 1892, and with power to acquire and hold lands and personal property by deed, gift, will or otherwise, upon trust or otherwise, for the ecclesiastical, educational or charitable uses of the Church of England in said Diocese, and with power to manage, deal with and dispose of such lands and property, and regulate and manage the affairs of said Synod. To constitute and appoint the Bishop of New Westminster as Bishop of the said Diocese until a Bishop of Kootenay is duly elected or acknowledged by the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay. And to constitute the Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of Kootenay a corporation sole, with power to acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property.

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

Dated the 1st day of April, 1903.

For the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay :

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