
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the "Matsqui Land Company, Limited," sheweth :—

1. That your Petitioners have entered into a contract with Colin Buchanan Sword for the purchase of certain lands in Matsqui Prairie, and have agreed to well and effectually dyke and protect from overflow of the Fraser River, for two consecutive seasons' high water, the lands within the line of dykes referred to in section 12 of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," and that they will amend and complete to the satisfaction of two arbitrators or their umpire, appointed in manner provided by the "Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883," the aforesaid line of dykes and all such dykage works, including floodgates, as shall be deemed necessary or expedient by the said arbitrators or umpire, and that they will so amend and complete the aforesaid line of dykes and dykage works, including floodgates, before the 1st day of November, 1888.

2. By section 31 of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," the dykage works when completed are to be placed and be under the control of Commissioners, to be appointed under the "Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act, 1873."

3. If the Bill for an Act to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the Settlers and Owners of Land upon Matsqui Prairie" is passed, as introduced into your Honourable House, the owners of lands in Matsqui Prairie, which are situated within the line of dykes referred to in section 12 of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," will derive the full benefit of the dykage works without being liable to contribute towards the expense of maintaining the dykes, which would be unjust to your Petitioners.

4. Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that section 31 of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," may not be repealed.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Seal by order of the Board of Directors.

[SEAL.]

D. R. HARRIS,
Director

10th March, 1888.