

VIII. That in their efforts your petitioners have exhausted every resource and expedient possible, and yet they find that they must have a temporary loan of £100,000 to carry out the objects and designs aforesaid, or all their exertions will prove abortive, and their Railway undertaking a lamentable failure.

IX. That while all other Railways in Canada have, to a greater or less extent, received assistance and encouragement from the Legislature, your petitioners have never received, either directly or indirectly, any aid from the Government of this Province, but alone and single-handed, with their own money have constructed and completed the said Railway, which your petitioners submit is, of very great advantage to Canada as a Province, and entitled to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

X. And your petitioners submit that for the reasons aforesaid, that it is but just and right that the Legislature should to a limited extent, lend its aid to Your Petitioners in this their hour of trial and need, believing, as they do, that the security offered is a full equivalent for the aid asked, and that no loss whatever will be sustained by the Government in acceding to the prayer of Your Petitioners.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Honorable House will be pleased to pass an Act authorizing the Governor in Council to loan to Your Petitioners One Hundred Thousand Pounds, Sterling, in the Bonds of this Province, to run from twenty to thirty years, bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, the Government taking in exchange therefor, and to secure the repayment thereof an equal or greater amount of the Bonds of Your Petitioners upon such terms, and under such limitations as to the Governor in Council may seem necessary for fully securing the Province against any loss, or that in some other way the aid asked for by Your Petitioners may be granted.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed,) W. MACLEAN, Secretary.

BRANTFORD, April 12, 1861.