

## Resolution of the Council of the City of Victoria:—

VICTORIA, B. C., 31st August, 1896.

*Resolved*, That having carefully considered the route of the proposed Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company, and being fully aware of the great benefit the said railway will be to the people of this city in giving them direct communication with a trade that is already established in the great mining districts of Similkameen, Rock Creek, Kettle River, Boundary Creek and Kootenay, a trade which is now one of the greatest in Canada, and will increase from year to year as the mines are developed and the country is opened up; under the present conditions the merchants of this city cannot compete for this trade with the merchants of Spokane and other cities in the United States, consequently this trade is lost to Canada, and is monopolized by the people of the United States owing to the lack of direct railway communication between the coast cities of British Columbia and the mining districts above referred to: be it therefore

*Resolved*, That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria fully approve of the construction of the said railway, and respectfully ask that a charter be granted and every encouragement possible be given to the said Company, so that the road may be built exclusively by white labor and at the earliest possible date.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

## Resolution of the Council of the City of Vancouver:—

Having carefully considered the route of the proposed Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company, and being fully aware of the great benefit the said railway will be to the people of this city in giving them direct communication with a trade that is already established in the great mining districts of Similkameen, Rock Creek, Kettle River, Boundary Creek and Kootenay, a trade which is now one of the greatest in Canada, and will increase every year as the mines are developed and the country is opened up; under the present conditions the merchants of this city cannot compete with the merchants of Spokane owing to the lack of railway communication, consequently this trade is lost to Canada and is monopolized by the people of the United States; be it

*Resolved*, That we fully approve of the construction of the said railway, and respectfully ask that a charter be granted and every encouragement possible be given to the said Company, so that the said road may be built at the earliest possible date; that a copy of this resolution be sent to our representatives in the Dominion and Provincial parliaments requesting them to assist in having the wishes of the petitioners carried out.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the Council of the City of Vancouver on Monday, August 24th, 1896.

THOS. F. MCGUIGAN, City Clerk.

