

such land ; such application must be accompanied by a description by a Deputy Surveyor setting forth generally the situation and the dimensions of such land, and shall also be accompanied by payment of the price thereof, estimating the number of acres (which shall not exceed six hundred and forty) at the rate of *one dollar* per acre. Such application shall be filed by the Agent receiving the same—and on the survey of the Township containing the land applied for being effected, the claimant or claimants shall be entitled to a patent for such number of acres, in legal subdivisions including and covering the mine worked, as shall correspond to the application and to the extent of land paid for.

Proviso.

Provided that such mine shall have been continuously worked during the interim between the application and the survey, but if the same should at any time during such interim cease to be worked for three consecutive months, unless the lands in question be no longer valuable for mining purposes, then the claim of the parties to the land shall lapse, and the mine shall be forfeited to the Crown, together with any and all purchase money which may have been paid to the Government on account thereof.

Coal lands may by exempted from sale and settlement provisions of Act.

46. The Secretary of State, with the view of preventing undue monopoly in coal lands, may in his discretion, on a township being surveyed, exempt from the sale and settlement provisions of this Act the sections or other legal subdivisions of land which may be said to contain coal, except those on which mining may have been carried on under the next preceding clause, and the same shall be subsequently sold or otherwise dealt with in such manner as may be deemed expedient by the Governor in Council.

## TIMBER AND TIMBER LANDS.

### TIMBER IN TOWNSHIPS SURVEYED FOR SETTLEMENT.

Timber forming islands or belts in townships thrown open for settlement to be disposed of so as to benefit the greatest possible number of settlers and prevent petty monopoly, and how.

47. And whereas it is expedient that the timber forming Islands or Belts in townships thrown open for settlement, should be so disposed of as to benefit the greatest possible number of settlers and to prevent petty monopoly, it is therefore enacted as follows :—

1. In the subdivision of townships which may consist partly of prairie and partly of timber land, such of the sections or subdivisions of sections containing islands, belts, or other tracts of timber, shall be subdivided into such number of wood lots of not less than ten, and not more than twenty acres in each lot, as will afford, so far as the extent of wood land in the township may permit, one such wood lot to each quarter section prairie farm in such township.

2. Provided, that neither the sections and parts of sections in each township vested in the Hudson's Bay Company by this Act or those sections set apart herein for schools, shall be subject in any way to the operation of the next preceding sub-clause.

3. The division of such wood lots shall be by squared posts, numbered from one upwards, marked with a marking iron, and planted in the section lines bounding the timber tract so laid out ; and each wood lot shall front on a section road allowance.

4. I rovided, that in case an island or belt of timber be found in the survey of any township to lie in a quarter section or several quarter sections, but in such manner that no single quarter section