

## EXPLANATORY NOTES.

### SECTION 1.

This section is proposed to be added to the Act in order to give the Governor in Council power to make regulations exempting members of His Majesty's Air, Naval and Military Forces from the provisions of this Act respecting forfeiture for non-performance of work, etc., on claims held by them at the time of their enlistment under this Act instead of having to rely on the authority of the *War Measures Act*. If this proposed amendment and a similar amendment to the *Yukon Quartz Mining Act* are passed, Order in Council P.C. 3136 of October 18, 1939, may be revoked upon the making of regulations under this section.

### SECTION 2.

The necessity of the legislation set out in section 2 arises by reason of improvement of transportation facilities in Yukon Territory. It is now possible to leave the Territory by one of several routes. This fact has increased the chances of successfully smuggling of gold out of the Territory. During the past three years there have been several instances where gold has been so smuggled. The Controller of the Yukon Territory and also the R.C.M.P. have asked that the Act be amended to strengthen their hands in preventing this evasion of the law.