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RULES & REGULATIONS,

ISSUED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE

GOLD FIELDS ACT, 1859.

WHEREAS, under the "Gold Fields Act," 1859, the Governor for the time being of British Columbia, is empowered by writing under his hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, to make rules and regulations in the nature of By-laws, for all matters relating to mining;

And whereas, in conformity with the said Act, certain rules and regulations have been issued, bearing date the 7th September, 1859, the 6th of January, 1860, and the 29th September, 1862, respectively;

And whereas, it is expedient to make further provision for the working of gold mines;

SEC. I.—The rule No. 3 of those dated 7th September, 1859, declaring the size of mining claims, is hereby repealed, so far as it is inconsistent herewith. Repeals rule 3. of 7th of September, 1859.

SEC. II.—From and after the date hereof, the size of a claim shall be for bar diggings, a strip of land 100 feet wide at the mark to which the river rises when flooded along such high water mark, and thence extending down direct to the river, to the lowest water level. Size of claim.—Bar Diggings.

For dry diggings 100 feet square. Dry Diggings.

For diggings not herein otherwise specially described 100 feet square. General Diggings.

In quartz claims the size shall be 150 feet in length, measured along the lode or vein, with power for the miner to follow the lode or vein and its spurs, dips and angles, anywhere on or below the surface, included between the two extremities of such length of 150 feet; but not to advance upon or beneath the surface of the earth, more than 100 feet in a lateral direction, from the main lode or vein, along which the claim is to be measured. Quartz Claim.

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