



GENERAL INFORMATION

RESPECTING THE MINES AND MINING LAW OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The chief provisions of the Quebec General Mining Act of 1880 are:—

1. The declaration of ownership by the Crown and reserve of all mines not specially granted. Sec. 3.
2. For the sale of mining rights on patented and seigniorial lands, and on unpatented lands acquired for agricultural purposes. Secs. 4 to 12.
3. For imposition of Royalty under Order in Council if deemed advisable. Secs. 13 & 52.
4. For granting licenses to mine for gold or silver on public lands and on conceded portions of Seigniori Rigaud, Vaudreuil, and other private lands. Secs. 14, 50, *et seq.*
5. For the sale of lands as mining locations. Sec. 23, *et seq.*
6. For imposition of penalties for contravention of Act. Sec. 101, *et seq.*

Under this Act parties holding Letters Patent for lands granted for agricultural purposes may acquire the right to work any mines of gold or silver thereon, without license, by paying the Commissioner of Crown Lands a sum sufficient to make up, with the amount paid before issue of patent, the price of two dollars per acre. In the case of "free grants" the whole price of two dollars per acre must be paid. *Censitaires* in the seigniories in which the Crown holds mining rights may acquire these rights by paying one dollar and a half per acre for the whole of their land, or at least one hundred acres; and the seignior or proprietor of the unconceded portion of a seignior may do the same on paying two dollars per acre; the extent over which such rights can be acquired being, however, limited to four hundred acres, or, in special cases, eight hundred acres.