

There have been located and sold in New Ontario, during 1901, according to the returns of Crown Lands agents, farms of from 100 to 160 acres each to the number of 2,541, amounting to three hundred and thirty thousand acres, representing a population of nearly 10,000. These official figures do not, however, fully represent the total influx of people into New Ontario.

*The Government's Mining Policy.*

The mining law of the Province is embodied in the Mines Act, R. S. O., 1897, Chapter 36, as amended by the Acts of 1899 and 1900.

The price per acre for mining lands ranges from \$2.00 to \$3.50, according to distance from a railway, and whether in surveyed or unsurveyed territory. If a lease be preferred it can be obtained on payment of \$1.00 per acre for the first year, and 15c. to 30c. per acre for subsequent years. Lessees have the privilege during the currency of their lease of purchasing the lands outright; or at the end of ten years, if all rent has been paid and the statutory conditions complied with, the lessee gets a grant without further payment.

Mining lands cannot be held without being worked, the law requiring at least \$6.00 per acre to be expended in development work during the first seven years, at the rate of \$1.00 per acre for the first two years and \$1.00 per acre per annum for the next five years.

Prospecting for minerals on Crown lands is encouraged by free grants of forty acres where valuable discoveries are made in new territory.

In a Mining Division a miner's license, costing \$10.00 per annum, entitles the holder to stake out mining claims of twenty-two and one-half or forty acres, and to hold the same on performing the required development work. Similar regulations are in force with respect to unsurveyed territory.

The greatest area which may be granted to any individual in one year is 320 acres of land containing the same class or kind of ore or mineral within a radius of fifteen miles in any county or district. To companies, syndicates or partnerships the maximum area is 640 acres.

The royalties formerly reserved to the Crown have been abandoned.

Stringent regulations are provided in the Mines Act to protect

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