Application by assignee of right; assignee. when entitled to purchase.

Section 16. If application be made under the next preceding section by the assignee of the right to purchase a mining location, and such claim is duly recognized and registered, as hereinbefore provided, such assignee shall, by complying with all the provisions of sections 5 and 7, become entitled to purchase the location for the price and on the terms prescribed in these regulations, whether or not his assignor may have previously acquired a mining location under them.

II.—PLACER MINING

Quartzmining regulations, how far applicable.

Section 17. The regulations hereinbefore laid down in respect of quartz mining shall be applicable to placer mining so far as they relate to entries, entry fees, assignments, marking of location, agents' receipts, and generally where they can be applied, save that the boundaries of placer mining claims need not be due north and south and east and west lines, and except as otherwise herein provided.

Nature and Size of Claims

claims. diggings.

Dry

Bench

claims.

Claim on face of hill.

Creek and

river claims

The size of claims shall be as follows:—

(a) For "bar diggings," a strip of land 100 feet wide at high water mark, and thence extending into the river to its lowest water level.

(b) For "dry diggings," 100 feet square. diggings.

(c) "Creek and river claims" shall be 100 feet long, measured in the direction of the general course of the stream. and shall extend in width from base to base of the hill or bench on each side; but when the hills or benches are less than 100 feet apart, the claim shall be 100 feet square.

(d) "Bench claims" shall be 100 feet square.

(e) Every claim on the face of any hill, and fronting on any natural stream or ravine, shall have a frontage of 100 feet, drawn parallel to the main direction thereof, and shall be laid out, as nearly as possible, in the manner prescribed by section 4 of these regulations.

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claims.

(f) If any miner or association of miners shall discover a new mine, and such discovery shall be established to the satisfaction of the agent, claims of the following size, in dry, bar, bench, creek or hill diggings, shall be allowed:-

To one discoverer..... 300 feet in length. To a party of two..... 600 66 three..... 800

and to each member of a party beyond four in number, a claim of the ordinary size only.

A new stratum deemed a new mine.

A new stratum of auriferous earth or gravel, situated in a locality where the claims are abandoned, shall for this purpose be deemed a new mine, although the same locality shall have been previously worked at a different level; and dry diggings discovered in the vicinity of bar diggings shall be deemed a new mine, and vice versa.