

## ASSIGNMENTS.

74. The Minister of the Interior shall cause to be kept in his Department books for registering, at the option of the parties interested, assignments of any right to Dominion lands which is assignable under these regulations, upon proof to his satisfaction that such assignment is in conformity with these regulations; and every assignment so registered shall be valid against any other assignment unregistered or subsequently registered; but any assignment to be registered must be unconditional, and all conditions on which the right depends must have been performed or dispensed with by the Minister of the Interior before the assignment is registered.

75. On any application for a patent by the legal representatives of a person who died entitled, or who had made entry and but for such death might have been entitled to such patent, the Minister of the Interior may receive proof of the facts in such manner as he may see fit to require, and upon being satisfied that the claim has been justly established, may allow the same and cause a patent to be issued accordingly.

## TOWNSHIP PLANS AND PATENT LISTS.

76. The Minister of the Interior shall transmit to the Registrar-General of British Columbia or his proper deputy or deputies, as early as possible in each year, a certified copy of the map of each township in such county, district or division, surveyed in the year next preceding, together with a certified list of the lands in such county, district or division, patented during such a year.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS.

77. The following powers are hereby delegated to the Governor in Council, to be exercised, from time to time, by Special Orders in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister of the Interior:

(a) To withdraw from the operation of these regulations, subject to existing rights as defined or created under the same, such lands as have been or may be reserved for Indians:

(b) To encourage works undertaken, with a view of draining and reclaiming swamp lands, by granting to the promoters of such works, remuneration in the way of grants of the land so reclaimed or of such portions thereof, or any other land, as may be deemed fair and reasonable:

(c) To make such orders as may be deemed necessary from time to time to carry out the provisions of these regulations, according to their true intent, or to meet any cases which may arise and for which no provision is made in these regulations; and further to make and declare any regulations which may be considered necessary to give the provisions in this clause contained full effect; and from time to time alter or revoke any order or orders or any regulations made in respect of the said provisions, and make others in their stead:

2. Every order or regulation made by the Governor in Council, in virtue of the provisions of this clause, or of any other clause of these regulations shall, unless otherwise specially provided in these regulations have force and effect only after the same has been published for four successive weeks in the *Canada Gazette* and *British Columbia Gazette*; and

all such orders or regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within the first fifteen days of the Session next after the date hereof.

78. All affidavits, oaths, solemn declarations or affirmations required to be taken or made under these regulations, except as otherwise herein provided, may be taken before a Registrar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, or the Judge or Registrar of any County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, or any Commissioner for taking affidavits, or Notary Public, or any Dominion Lands Agent or officer, or any person specially authorized to file such affidavits by these regulations or by the Minister of the Interior.

79. The Dominion Lands Board, the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, the Inspector of Dominion Lands Agencies, and any Local Agent, and any person specially authorized to that effect by the Governor in Council, shall have power to summon before them or him any person by subpoena issued by them or him, to examine such person under oath and to compel the production of papers and writing before them or him, and such subpoena may be in the Form N in the Schedule to these regulations, and—if any person duly summoned neglects or refuses to appear at the time and place specified in the subpoena upon him legally served, or refuses to give evidence or to produce the papers or writings demanded of him—may, by warrant under their or his hands or hand, cause such person neglecting or refusing, to be taken into custody and to be imprisoned in the nearest common gaol, as for contempt of court, for a period not exceeding fourteen days.

80. In any case where an affidavit or oath is required by these regulations, a solemn affirmation may be administered to, and made, instead of an oath, by any person who is by law permitted in civil cases to make a solemn affirmation instead of taking an oath.

81. Every receipt or certificate of entry or sale issued by an agent of the Dominion lands shall, unless such entry or sale shall have been revoked or cancelled by the Minister of the Interior, entitle the person to whom the same was granted to maintain suits at law or in equity against any wrong-doer or trespasser on the lands to which such receipt or certificate relates, as effectually as he could do under a patent of such land from the Crown.

## SURVEYS AND SURVEYORS. WHO SHALL BE COMPETENT TO SURVEY DOMINION LANDS

82. The Minister of the Interior may, in his discretion, from time to time appoint such fit and properly qualified persons to act as Dominion Land Surveyors in the Province of British Columbia as to him may be expedient or necessary; whenever it may be deemed expedient, the Governor in Council may, by Order in Council, declare that sections eighty-seven to one hundred and twenty-four inclusive of the Dominion Lands Act, 1853, or any of them, shall be extended, and take effect in the Province of British Columbia, on a day to be appointed in and by such order, and from and after the day so appointed, the said sections eighty-seven to one hundred and twenty-four inclusive or any of them shall