

## MINING REGULATIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
DOMINION LANDS,

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REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE DISPOSAL OF MINERAL  
LANDS OTHER THAN COAL LANDS.

These regulations shall be applicable to all Dominion Lands containing mines of gold, silver, bar, lead, tin, copper, iron, or mineral deposit of economic value, with the exception of coal.

Any person may explore Dominion Lands not appropriated or reserved by Government for other purposes, and search thereon, either by surface or sub-surface prospecting, for mineral deposits, with a view to obtaining under these regulations a mining location for the same.

A location for mining, except iron, shall not exceed twenty acres in area.

The surface boundaries shall be marked by lines not more than four inches wide. Its length shall not be less than three times its breadth.

The boundaries beneath the surface shall be the vertical planes in which its surface boundaries lie.

Any person having discovered a mineral deposit, and desiring to locate in his claim to acquire a mining location, under these regulations, in order that he may work thereon, shall, to entitle him to protection, proceed as follows:

1. He shall mark the location on the ground by placing at its four corners wooden posts, not less than six inches square, driven not less than eighteen inches into the ground, and showing that length above it.

2. If the ground be too hard to admit of so driving the posts into it, he shall build about each of them to support it and keep in place, a cairn or mound of stones, at least three feet in diameter at the base, and eighteen inches high.

3. On the most north-easterly corner he must mark with a cutting of wood, or with red chalk, his name in full, the date of such marking, and the letters M.L. 1., to indicate that the post is a Mining Location, post No. 1. Proceeding to the most south-easterly post, all the other posts shall be marked M.L. 2, and with his initials. Next, the most north-westerly post shall be marked M.L. 3, and with his initials; and the most north-westerly post shall be marked M.L. 4, and with his initials and the letters M.L.

4. Furthermore, on one of the corners of each post, which face toward the post which next follows in the order in which the posts here named and numbered, shall be marked in figures the number of yards distance to such following post. If means of measuring instruments are not available, the distances to be so marked on

each of the posts may be those estimated.

(In this manner any subsequent prospector, informed of these regulations, will, on meeting any one of the posts, be enabled to follow them all round, from one to another, and avoid encroachment either in search or in marking out another location in the vicinity for himself.)

5. Having so marked out on the ground the location he desires, the claimant shall next, within sixty days thereafter, file with the local agent in the Dominion Land Office for the district in which the location is situate, a declaration on oath according to form A in the schedule to these Regulations (which may be sworn to before the said agent, or may have been previously sworn to before a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner) setting forth the circumstances of his discovery, and describing, as nearly as may be, the locality and dimensions of the claim marked out by him as aforesaid; and shall, along with such declaration, deposit with the agent the sum of fifty dollars to the end and for the purpose set forth in the second clause hereafter.

6. The Agent shall give him a receipt, according to form B in the schedule to these Regulations, for such deposit. This receipt shall authorize the applicant, his legal representatives or assigns, to enter into possession of the location applied for, and during the term of one year from its date and subject to the royalty prescribed in clause 19 of these Regulations, to take therefrom and dispose of any mineral deposit contained within its boundaries.

7. The deposit of fifty dollars shall be paid into the Receiver General by the Land Agent, along with and in like manner as other revenue from Dominion Lands in his district, and in the event of the mining applicant fulfilling all the conditions prescribed by these Regulations, the said deposit shall be deemed payment by him to the Government for the survey of his location.

8. At any time before the expiry of one year from the date of his making his application and deposit as aforesaid, it shall be open to the applicant to purchase the location on filing with the Local Agent proof that he has expended not less than five hundred dollars in bona fide mining operations on the same, such proof to consist of his own sworn statement setting forth in detail the nature of such operations and the amount expended, and to be accompanied and confirmed by the affidavits of two disinterested persons.

9. Should the applicant, or his legal representatives as aforesaid, fail to prove within one year, the expenditure prescribed, or having proved such expenditure, fail within that time to pay in full, and in cash, to the Local Agent, the price hereinafter fixed for such mining loca-

tion, then any right on the part of the applicant or of his legal representatives in the location, or claim on his or their part to acquire it, shall lapse; and the location shall thereupon revert to the Government and shall be held along with any immovable improvements thereon for disposal, under these Regulations, to any other person, or as the Minister of the Interior may direct, and the deposit paid by the applicant shall be forfeited to the Crown.

10. The price to be paid for a mining location shall be at the rate of twenty-five dollars per acre.

11. If, on account of its remoteness or other cause, a mining location cannot, at the time of the payment of the deposit of fifty dollars by the applicant for the purpose, be surveyed by the Government for that sum, he shall be subject to the alternative of waiting until the employment of a surveyor by the Government on other work in the vicinity of the claim renders it possible to have the survey made at a cost not exceeding fifty dollars, or of sooner procuring at his own cost its survey by a duly commissioned surveyor of Dominion Lands, under instructions from the Surveyor General; in the latter case, on receipt of the plans and field notes of the survey, and approval thereof by the Surveyor General, the claimant shall be credited on account of royalty due, or to become due, with the fifty dollars deposited by him to defray cost of survey.

12. Where two or more persons lay claim to the same mining location, the right to acquire it shall be in him who can prove he was the first to discover the mineral deposits involved, and to take possession by demarcation, in the manner prescribed in these regulations, of the location covering it.

13. Priority of discovery alone shall not give the right to acquire; but a person subsequently and independently discovering, who has complied with the other conditions prescribed in these regulations, shall take precedence of the first discoverer if the latter has failed to comply with the said other conditions. Provided, however, that in any case where it is proved that a claimant has in bad faith used the prior discovery of another and fraudulently affirms that he made independent discovery and demarcation, he shall, apart from any other legal consequences, have no claim, and shall forfeit the deposit made with his application.

14. Not more than one mining location shall be granted to any individual applicant.

15. The Minister of the Interior may grant a location for the mining of iron not exceeding 160 acres in area. Provided that, should any person making an application purporting to be for the purpose of mining iron, and thus obtain, whether in good faith or fraudulently, possession of a valuable

mineral deposit other than iron, his right in such deposit shall be restricted to the area hereinbefore prescribed for other minerals, and the rest of the location shall thereupon revert to the Government for such disposition as the Minister of the Interior may direct.

16. When there are two or more applicants for any mining location, no one of whom is the original discoverer, nor his assignee, the Minister of the Interior, if he sees fit to dispose of the location, shall invite their competitive tender, or shall put it up to public tender or auction, as he may deem expedient.

17. An assignment of the right of an original discoverer to purchase a mining location shall be endorsed on the back of the receipt or certificate of assignment (Forms B and C in the schedule hereto), and the execution thereof shall be attested by two disinterested witnesses, upon the deposit of the receipt or certificate with such assignment executed and attested as herein provided, in the office of the Local Agent, accompanied by a registration fee of two dollars, the Local Agent shall give to the assignee a receipt in the form C in the schedule hereto, which certificate shall entitle the assignee to all the rights and privileges of the original discoverer in respect of the claim assigned; and the said assignment, with the registration fee of two dollars, shall be forwarded to the Minister of the Interior by the Local Agent, at the same time and in like manner as his other returns respecting Dominion Lands, and shall be registered in the Department of the Interior; and no assignment of the right of an original discoverer to purchase a mining location which is not unconditional and in all respects in accordance with the provisions of this clause, and accompanied by the registration fee herein provided for, shall be recognized by the Local Agent or registered in the Department of the Interior.

18. If application be made under the next preceding clause, by the assignee of an original discoverer, 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 clause 8, 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.

19. The patent for a mining location shall reserve to the Crown, for ever, a royalty of five per cent. on the sales of the products of all mines therein; and also on the sales of any timber or wood that may be on the location.

20. Returns shall be made by the grantee sworn to by him, or by his agent or other employee in charge of the mine, at monthly or such other intervals as may be required. (Continued on 6th Page.)