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**Notice to Contractors.**

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for New Examining Warehouse, &c., Ottawa," will be received at this office until Tuesday, 1st March, for the several works required in the erection and completion of the

NEW EXAMINING WAREHOUSE, ETC.,

AT

OTTAWA.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, on and after **MONDAY, 14th February.**

Intending contractors should personally visit the site and make themselves fully cognizant of the work to be done, according to the said plans and specifications, before putting in their tenders.

Persons tendering are further notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an *accepted* bank cheque made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to *five per cent.* of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
A. GOBEIL,
Secretary

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 27th January, 1887.

**Notice to Contractors.**

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Ice, Public Buildings," will be received at this office until Monday, the 14th February instant, for filling the Government ice house at the Rideau Canal Basin, Ottawa.

Sealed tenders endorsed "Tender for Ice, Rideau Hall, &c.," will also be received at the same time for filling the ice house at the Governor General's Residence, Rideau Hall.

Tender to state price per block of the following dimensions, viz.:—3 ft. by 1 ft. by 1 ft., which price must include cost of packing and of the sawdust required for that purpose.

The ice to be measured before being packed in the ice house and payment to be made accordingly.

N.B.—The ice must be taken from the Ottawa River, above the Chaudiere Falls.

By order,
A. GOBEIL,
Secretary

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 5th Feb., 1887.

**MINING REGULATIONS**

To Govern the Disposal of

Mineral Lands other than Coal Lands,**1886.**

THESE REGULATIONS shall be applicable to all Dominion Lands containing gold, silver, cinnabar, lead, tin, copper, petroleum, iron, or other miners' deposits of economic value, with the exception of coal.

Any person may explore vacant Dominion Lands not appropriated or reserved by Government for other purposes, and may search therein, either by surface or subterranean prospecting, for mineral deposits, with a view to obtaining under the Regulations a mining location for the same, but no mining location or mining claim shall be granted until the discovery of the vein, lode, or deposit of mineral or metal within the limits of the location or claim.

QUARTZ MINING.

A location for mining, except for iron, on veins, lodes, or ledges of quartz or other rock in place, shall not exceed forty acres in area. Its length shall not be more than three times its breadth, and its surface boundary shall be four straight lines, the opposite sides of which shall be parallel, except where prior locations would prevent, in which case it may be of such a shape as may be approved of by the Superintendent of Mines.

Any person having discovered a mineral deposit may obtain a mining location therefor, in the manner set forth in the Regulations which provide for the character of the survey and the marks necessary to designate the location on the ground.

When the location has been marked conformably to the requirements of the Regulations, the claimant shall, within sixty days thereafter, file with the local agent in the Dominion Lands Office for the district in which the location is situated, a declaration or oath 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, pay to the said agent an entry fee of FIVE DOLLARS. The agent's receipt for such fee will be the claimant's authority to enter into possession of the location applied for.

At any time before the expiration of FIVE years from the date of his obtaining the agent's receipt, it shall be open to the claimant to purchase the location on filing with the local agent proof that he has expended not less than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS in actual mining operation on the same; but the claimant is required before the expiration of each of the five years, to prove that he has performed not less than ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS' worth of labor during the year in the actual development of his claim, and at the same time obtain a renewal of his location receipt, for which he is required to pay a fee of FIVE DOLLARS.

The price to be paid for a mining location shall be at the rate of FIVE DOLLARS PER ACRE, cash, and the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS extra for the survey of same.

Not more than one mining location shall be granted to any individual claimant upon the same lode or vein.

IRON.—The Minister of the Interior may grant a location for the mining of iron, not exceeding 160 acres in area, which shall be bounded by north and south and east and west lines astronomically, and its breadth shall equal its length. Provided, that should any person making an application purporting to be for the purpose of mining iron 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 prescribed by the Regulations for other minerals, and the rest of the location shall revert to the Crown for such disposition as the Minister may direct.

The Regulations also provide for the manner in which land may be acquired for milling purposes, reduction works, or other works incidental to mining operations.

Locations taken up prior to this date may, until the 1st of August, 1886, be re-marked and re-entered in conformity with the Regulations without payment of new fees, in cases where no existing interests would thereby be prejudicially affected.

PLACER MINING.

The Regulations laid down in respect quartz mining shall be applicable to placer mining as far as they relate to entries, entry fees, assignments, marking of localities, agents receipts, and generally where they can be applied.

The nature and size of placer mining claims are provided for in the Regulations, including bar, dry, bench, creek or hill diggings, and the RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MINERS are fully set forth.

The Regulations apply also to

RED-ROCK FLUMES, DRAINAGE OF MINES AND DITCHES.

The GENERAL PROVISIONS of the Regulations include the interpretation of expressions used therein; how disputes shall be heard and adjudicated upon; under what circumstances miners shall be entitled to absent themselves from their locations or diggings, etc., etc.

THE SCHEDULE OF MINING REGULATIONS

Contain the forms to be observed in the drawing up of all documents, such as:—"Application and affidavit of discoverer of quartz mine." "Receipt for fee paid by applicant for mining location." "Receipt for fee on extension of time for purchase of a mining location." "Patent of a mining location." "Certificate of the assignment of a mining location." "Application for grant for placer mining and affidavit of applicant." "Grant for placer mining." "Certificate of the assignment of a placer mining claim." "Grant to a bed-rock flume Company." "Grant for drainage." "Grant of right to divert water and construct ditches."

Since the publication, in 1884, of the Mining Regulation to govern the disposal of Dominion Mineral Lands, the same have been carefully and thoroughly revised with a view to ensure ample protection to the public interests and at the same time to encourage the prospector and miner in order that the mineral resources may be made valuable by development.

COPIES OF THE REGULATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED UPON APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

A. M. BURGESS,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.