

Hand Loggers' Licenses are made good for one year from the date of their original issuance, exclusive of such time as the holder may spend on the active naval or military service of the Empire.

MINING LEASES DO NOT LAPSE

Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1915 & 1916.—Miners serving with any of the Allied forces are protected by special act of the Legislature from the lapsing of free miners' certificates, mineral claims, placer-mining claims and placer-mining leases in which they may be interested. No claim or lease owned by a member of the Allied forces at the outbreak of war is open for location during the soldier's absence. The Act was passed in 1915 and made to cover all the time from the declaration of war to one year from the passing of the Act. In 1916 the time was extended another year, and it is the policy of the Government to **extend it from year to year** until the end of the war.

FREE GRANTS TO PRE-EMPTORS

Pre-emptors Free Grants Act, 1916.—Pre-emptors on British Columbia land who have enlisted in the **active overseas** naval or military service of the Empire, are entitled to free grants of the land in their pre-emption claims—free of all payments, fees, taxes, etc., to the date of the grant without the pre-emptors' observing the requirements of the Land Act in respect of occupation and improvements. Application must be made within a year after the war ends.

Every ex-service sailor or soldier who, within one year after the close of the war, enters into occupation of a pre-emption claim under the terms of the Land Act, and within the said year makes application for a Crown grant, will receive it free on the above terms.

To the heirs of sailors and soldiers who meet death on active service the same privilege is extended.

LAND FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Soldiers' Homestead Act, 1916.—For all other volunteers (home guards, naval volunteers, nurses, et al.) an Act was passed reclaiming a large area of land purchased from the Crown, but not completely paid for. Out of this area every individual who gave his or her services to the Empire in any capacity, may, on application within 18 months of his or her discharge, obtain by pre-emption