

76. In cases where water is necessary to the continuance of mining operations, and the supply of water is insufficient, the Superintendent of Mines shall have power to grant leave of absence to the holder of the grant during such insufficiency, but no longer, except by permission of the Minister of the Interior.

77. Any miner or miners shall be entitled to leave of absence for one year from his or their diggings, upon proving to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Mines that he or they has or have expended on such diggings, in cash, labor or machinery, an amount of not less than \$200 on each of such diggings, without any return of gold or other minerals in reasonable quantities for such expenditure.

78. The time reasonably occupied by the locator of a claim in going to, and returning from, the office of the Agent or Superintendent of Mines to enter his claim, or for other purposes prescribed by these Regulations, shall not be counted against him, but he shall, in such cases, be deemed to be absent on leave.

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79. The Minister of the Interior shall, from time to time, as he may think fit, declare the boundaries of mineral and mining districts, and shall cause a description of the same to be published in the *Canada Gazette*.

80. The Minister of the Interior may direct mineral and mining locations to be laid out within such districts wherever, from report of the Director of the Geological Survey, or from other information, he has reason to believe there are mineral deposits of economic value, and may sell the same to applicants therefor, who, in his opinion, are able and intend in good faith to work the same; or he may, from time to time, cause the said locations to be sold by public auction or tender. Such sales shall be for cash, and at prices in no case lower than those prescribed for locations sold to original discoverers, and shall otherwise be subject to all the provisions of these Regulations.

81. The Minister of the Interior may grant to any person or persons who have a mining location and are actively developing the same, an additional location adjacent to and not exceeding it in area, provided the person or persons holding such location shall show to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior that the vein or lode being developed on the location will probably extend outside of either of the vertical lines forming the side boundaries of the location before it has reached the depth at which it cannot be profitably mined.

82. Persons desirous of obtaining quarries for stone on vacant Dominion Lands may do so under these Regulations; but the Minister of the Interior may require the payment of a royalty not exceeding five per cent. on account of the sales of the product of such quarries, or the land may be sold not subject to such royalty at such price as may be determined.

83. Returns shall be made by the grantee, sworn to by him, or by his agent or other employé in charge of the mine, at monthly or other such intervals as may be required by the Minister of the Interior, of all products of his mining location and of the price or amount he received for the same.