

(The same remarks apply to this as to the last item.)

Sec. 43—Add after "claims" in 3rd line, "and if so recorded shall take effect from the date thereof, as against all persons."

(The object of this clause is to describe what effect the record shall have when made after the time proscribed therefor, and to render clear the provision which follows.)

Part III, Sec. 48—New section, as follows (44): Every free miner requiring to run or construct a tunnel, tail-flume or drain in connection with his claim through any occupied or unoccupied lands, whether mineral or not, shall obtain a license from the Gold Commissioner for that purpose, which license shall be granted by the Gold Commissioner whenever it is proven to him that said claim cannot be worked without such tunnel, tail-flume or drain; and shall also give such security for any damage that may be caused by such tunnel, tail-flume or drain as such Gold Commissioner may require. Such license shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Gold Commissioner shall think fit, and shall be recorded in the record book.

(The object of this section is to describe more fully what shall be granted by the Gold Commissioner, subject to such conditions as he may think equitable, without leaving to him the power of discrimination against anyone.)

Sec. 49—Insert "tail flume" after "tunnel" in 1st line.

(This is simply to make the language of the Act harmonious, and provide for tail-flumes from hydraulic mines.)

Sec. 50—Insert "a tail flume or" after "constructing" in 3rd line. Insert the words "outlet, easement or" between "public" and "drainage."

Sections 51 and 53 and 54—Insert the words "tail-flume" before the word "drain" wherever it occurs.

(Same reason as 19.)

Sec. 60—Strike out.

(The object of striking this out is that a new section may be put in to conform with our other recommendations as to re-records.)

Sec. 61—Strike out the words "as many as ten or" in 4th line.

(It is proposed to strike out the words "as many as ten" so as to comply with the proposed amendment referred to in our Article 6.)

Sec. 63—After "employed" in 3rd line strike out all down to "and" in 4th line.

(Same reasons as 22 and 6.)

Part V, Sec. 64—Strike out "five" and insert "thirty."

(The reason for this is the difficulty of accomplishing the desired end in a sparsely settled country in five days.)

Part VI, Sec. 79—Strike out "one hundred and" in 3rd line from end.

(We strike out "one hundred and" because the price is considered excessive for the benefits derived therefrom, and is a larger price than should be demanded from a free miner.)

Sec. 84—Amend so as to provide for construction of 100 feet of flume each year.

(The object of this amendment is to force continuous work of at least 100 feet of flume annually until the completion of the flume, without permitting the discretion of the Gold Commissioner being exercised in the reduction thereof.)

Sec. 88—Add words "if found necessary" to 1st line, and strike out all after "extension" in third line.

(The object of this is to obtain the right, if the necessity show.)

Sec. 89—Add 89A, as follows: The holder or holders of a placer mining claim held under the provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of Part II of this Act shall, after he or they shall have expended in development work the sum of \$300, be entitled to a Crown grant thereof upon paying to the Government the sum of \$5 per acre; and the holder or holders of a consolidation of placer mining claims held under the provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of Part II of this Act shall, after he

or they shall have expended at least \$500 for each claim included in such consolidation, be entitled to a Crown grant thereof upon payment to the Government of the sum of \$5 per acre.

(The object of this new amendment is to enable the small owner of prospects to acquire a title which he may be able to sell in the future, and which at present there are no buyers for; and to place him in as good a position as the quartz miner.)

Part VII, Sec. 90—Strike out Sections 90 to 102, both inclusive, and substitute the following new sections:—

90. Placer claims suitable for operating on a large scale by the hydraulic, hydraulic elevator, drifting or other mining process may be located and recorded as follows, namely:—

(1) On worked-out or abandoned creeks, half a mile in length.

(2) On worked-out or abandoned dry diggings in newly discovered placer mining districts, or other placer mining districts, eighty acres.

(3) Provided, always, that nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the right of any holder of a placer mining claim held under the provisions of Sections 18 and 19 of Part II of this Act as amended.

(These sections have been struck out and suggested new sections inserted which in our opinion provide a policy which will encourage development on a large scale owing to the better security of tenure and title provided for investors, and for which they are making strong demands.)

(It also promises the settling up of the surrounding country for stock raising, truck farmers, and others, to feed the large mining community which will be employed in the development of properties, for which an indefeasible title is proposed to be provided.)

(Particular attention might be drawn to the operation of Sec. 102, under the powers conferred by which the holder of a creek claim lease may be included with nine other placer mining grounds in other mining divisions, and the work performed on any one of them for all of them—which is unfair, and contrary to the spirit of the Act and the intention of the Legislature.)

91. Every free miner shall be entitled to locate and record a placer mining claim on any worked-out or abandoned creek, not exceeding one half mile in length. He shall also be entitled to locate and record a placer mining claim not exceeding eighty acres on worked-out or abandoned dry diggings in newly discovered placer mining districts, or on any other placer mining ground, on any unoccupied and unreserved Crown land, but not more than two claims in the same locality, one of which shall be a creek claim. He shall be allowed to hold any number of placer mining claims by purchase, and to work the same under one general system; and every free miner may sell, mortgage or dispose of his claim, or any part thereof; but in no case shall any placer mining claim extend along any creek or river more than 500 yards, creek diggings excepted.

92. Every placer mining claim shall be, as nearly as possible, rectangular in form and marked by four legal posts at the corners thereof, firmly fixed in the ground; one of such posts shall be marked as the initial post, and on that post shall be placed a legible notice in writing, stating the name of the claim, its length and breadth in feet, and a general description of its boundaries, commencing at the initial post, marked No. 1, stating distance and general direction therefrom to each of the other corner posts, which shall be marked Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

93. A placer mining claim shall not include any portion of any mining ground occupied by free miners for mining purposes, unless with the consent in writing of such occupiers of such included placer mining ground shall have been worked out or abandoned.

94. Every free miner locating a placer mining claim shall record the same with the Mining Recorder of the district within which such claim is situated within fifteen days after