

66. No particular forms of procedure shall be necessary, but the matter complained of must be properly expressed in writing, and a copy of the complaint shall be served on the opposite party not less than *seven* days before the hearing of the said complaint.

67. The complaint may, by leave of the Superintendent of Mines, be amended at any time before or during the proceedings.

68. The complainant shall, at the time of filing his complaint, deposit therewith a bond-fee of \$20, which shall be returned to him if the complaint proves to have been well-founded, and not otherwise, except for special cause, by direction of the Minister of the Interior.

69. In the event of the decision of the Superintendent of Mines being made the subject of an appeal to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, the appellant shall, at the time of lodging the appeal, deposit with the Agent a bond-fee of \$20, which shall be returned to the said appellant if his appeal proves to have been well-founded, and not otherwise, except for special cause, by direction of the Minister of the Interior.

70. The appeal must be in writing and must be lodged with the Superintendent of Mines not more than three days after his decision has been communicated in writing to all the parties interested, and must state the grounds upon which the said decision is appealed from.

71. If the Commissioner of Dominion Lands decides that it is necessary to a proper decision of the matter in issue to have an investigation on the ground, or, in cases of disputed boundaries or measurements, to employ a surveyor to measure or survey the land in question, the expense of the inspection or re-measurement or re-survey, as the case may be, shall be borne by the litigants, who shall pay into the hands of the said Commissioner, in equal parts, such sum as he may think sufficient for the same, before it takes place; otherwise, it shall not proceed, and the party who refuses to pay such sum shall be adjudged in default. The said Commissioner shall subsequently decide in what proportion the said expense should be borne by the parties respectively, and the surplusage, if any, shall then be returned to the parties, as he may order.

72. All bond-fees adjudged as forfeited and all payments retained under the last preceding section, shall, as soon as decision has been rendered, and all entry and other fees or moneys shall, as soon as they have been received by him, be paid by the said Agent or Commissioner to the credit of the Receiver-General in the same manner as other moneys received by him on account of Dominion Lands.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

73. The Agent in each district shall, under instructions from the Minister of the Interior, declare the close season in his district.

74. Each holder of a mining location or of a grant for placer mining shall be entitled to be absent from his mining location or diggings and to suspend work thereon during the close season.

75. The Agent shall have power to grant leave of absence to the holder of a mining location or grant for placer mining pending the decision of any dispute in which he is concerned under these Regulations.