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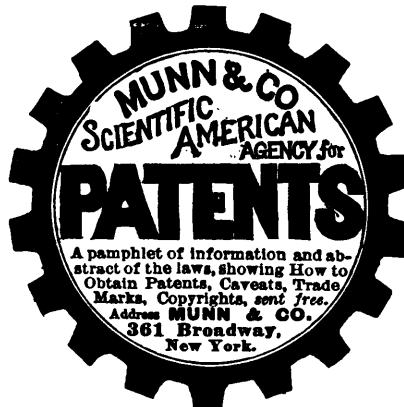
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The following is a summary of the chief provisions of the amendments to the Mining Laws of Ontario, passed during the Session of 1891:

1. In Algoma, Thunder Bay, Rainy River and that part of Nipissing north of Lake Nipissing and the French and Mattawa Rivers, the price per acre of mining lands sold after the 4th day of May, 1891, is \$4.50 in a surveyed township, and \$4 in an unsurveyed territory, if within 12 miles of a railway, and if beyond that limit \$3.50 in surveyed and \$3 in unsurveyed territory. Elsewhere the price is \$3 in a surveyed township any part of which lies within 12 miles of a railway, and \$2 if at a greater distance.

2. Instead of by grant in fee simple, mining land may be obtained under a ten years' lease at a per acre rental, unless otherwise fixed by regulation, of \$1 for the first year and 25 cents yearly thereafter if north of Lake Nipissing and the French and Mattawa Rivers, or of 60 cents for the first year and 15 cents yearly thereafter, if situated elsewhere, with right of renewal at the expiration for an additional ten years at the same rentals, and with a right of renewal thereafter every twenty years, subject to payment of the yearly rent charge in advance and to such conditions as may be provided by regulation. But the lessee may at any time purchase the land so held, in which case the first year's rent shall be treated as part of the purchase money.

3. The owner or lessee of mining land sold or leased by the Crown after the 4th day of May, 1891, is required during the first seven years to expend in actual mining operations \$4 per acre if the location exceeds 160 acres, and \$5 per acre if it is 160 acres or less.

4. After the 4th day of May, 1891, all ores or minerals of silver, nickel, or nickel and copper, taken from lands sold or leased by the Crown, are subject to a royalty of 3 per cent., and all other ores or minerals to such royalties as shall from time to time be fixed by Order-in-Council, not exceeding in the case of iron 2 per cent., and as to any other ores or minerals not exceeding 3 per cent.; and such royalties shall be calculated upon the value of the ores at the pit's mouth. But royalties shall not be imposed or collected upon any ores until after seven years from date of the patent or lease, except as to mines known to be rich in nickel, and as to these not until after four years.

5. Hereafter in all lands sold under the Public Lands Act, or for agricultural purposes, all minerals and mining rights are reserved to the Crown, unless otherwise provided in the patent or grant.

6. In the case of mining lands for which bona fide application was made in writing to the Department prior to the 24th April, 1891, grants may be made where the application is received within three months from the 4th day of May, 1891, and otherwise at the price and upon the conditions heretofore applicable in accordance with the terms of section 1, sub-section 5, of the Act of 1891.

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