

his title by obtaining a certificate of improvements, followed in due course by a Crown grant.

Conveyances of mining property, as well as of other real estate, are easily effected through the system of land registration, practically an adaptation of the Torrens system. A certificate of title, which is a prima facie evidence of ownership, can be usually obtained in two or three days after application for registration of the conveyance has been made at the local registry office.

The taxes levied by the Provincial Government in connection with mining are as follows :

Two per cent. on the net output of a mine or mill after deductions for mining, milling and treatment have been made. Twenty-five cents per acre per annum for unworked Crown granted mineral claims, which tax is remitted in all cases in which the owner has performed improvements to the amount of \$200 in any one year.

The Dominion Government, through the department of the Geological Survey, as well as through the recently established Department of Mines, is also affording in the exploration and examination of the mineral areas great assistance in the development of the mining industry.

The maps and reports of the southern part of British Columbia, issued by the Geological Survey Department at Ottawa, are complete and valuable records of those parts of the country which have been surveyed and examined, but there are large areas especially of the northern interior, where the presence of valuable mineral deposits is probable, and the line of exploration is being gradually extended.

