

called upon to furnish the particulars of such exploration, the several steps taken to obtain information, the result in detail of their discoveries, the character of the various veins or beds of ore, their probable extent and richness, and such other particulars as a rough Geological enquiry by a scientific man might be expected to furnish.

The Committee are also of opinion that some steps to guard against a perversion of the intentions of the Government in granting these licenses, might with advantage at this time be taken, and, with this view, that the different applicants should be called upon to furnish the names of all the parties forming each association, and that they should be informed that no licenses will at present be granted to, or in favor of other than British Subjects, and that no transfer or assignment of interest shall take place or addition be made to the association without the sanction previously obtained of the Government, unless the parties are British Subjects.

It is further recommended to Your Excellency that no license of occupation be issued until the Provincial Geologist, or some other scientific agent of the Government, shall have had an opportunity of marking the boundaries of the several limits, and of examining and remarking upon the statements to be furnished by the several parties exploring, and a general Report framed for Your Excellency's information and future action. And in the meantime the Committee would advise your Excellency not to grant any new licenses of exploration, lest the increase of the number already issued may cause difficulty and misunderstanding not only among the parties holding them, but between them and the Government.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MONTREAL, 9th May, 1846.

PRESENT :

His Excellency the Governor General, in Council.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the Board, the following Regulations on the subject of the Locations for Mining purposes intended to be granted on the shores of Lake Superior, which being approved were ordered to be entered in the minute Book of the Executive Council :

Mining Locations.

- 1st. Each License to explore, to have one Location.
- 2nd. A Location shall consist of five miles in length by two in breadth.
- 3rd. The intention is that the length shall be with the course of the mineral vein. The party claiming to point out the course of the vein.
- 4th. If different courses are pointed out by different parties on adjoining Locations, the Geologist to decide on the most convenient direction of the Location.
- 5th. Should several Locations be claimed near one another, the Geologist to determine whether one uniform direction shall be observed in regard to them, in laying them out.
- 6th. Land Surveyor shall measure the breadth of the Locations and mark the terminations of the side lines on the shore ; or he shall measure the length of the Location, and mark the terminations of the end lines, as most convenient. He shall describe the remaining lines of limit in words.
- He shall describe the general position of the Location by natural objects, and indicate the same on the general map of the Lake, by a reference to Latitude and Longitude, and forward the description to Government.
- 7th. Priority of discovery by exploration to be the foundation of priority of right to any Location claimed.