

shall be equal: Provided, that should any person making an application purporting to be for the purpose of mining either iron or petroleum thus obtain, whether in good faith or fraudulently, possession of a valuable mineral deposit other than iron or petroleum, his right in such deposit shall be restricted to the area hereinbefore prescribed for other minerals, and the rest of the location shall thereupon revert to the Crown for such disposition as the Minister may direct.

14. When there are two or more applicants for any mining location, no one of whom is the original discoverer or his assignee, the Minister of the Interior, if he sees fit to dispose of the location, shall invite their competitive tenders, or shall put it up to public tender or auction as he may deem expedient.

15. An assignment of the right to purchase a mining location shall be endorsed on the back of the receipt or certificate of assignment (Forms B and G, in the schedule hereto), and the execution thereof shall be attested by two disinterested witnesses: upon the deposit of the receipt or certificate with such assignment executed and attested as herein provided, in the office of the Agent, accompanied by a registration fee of two dollars, the Agent shall give to the assignee a receipt in the form G in the schedule hereto, which certificate shall entitle the assignee to all the rights and privileges of the original discoverer in respect of the claim assigned; and the said assignment shall be forwarded to the Minister of the Interior by the Agent, at the same time and in like manner as his other returns respecting Dominion Lands, and shall be registered in the Department of the Interior; and no assignment of the right to purchase a mining location which is not unconditional and in all respects in accordance with the provisions of this clause, and accompanied by the registration fee herein provided for, shall be recognized by the Agent or registered in the Department of the Interior.

16. If application be made under the next preceding clause by the assignee of the right to purchase a mining location, and such claim is duly recognized and registered, as hereinbefore provided, such assignee shall, by complying with these Regulations, become entitled to purchase the location for the price and on the terms prescribed thereby.

II.—PLACER MINING.

17. The Regulations hereinbefore laid down in respect of Quartz Mining shall be applicable to Placer Mining so far as they relate to entries, entry fees, assignments, marking of locations, Agents' receipts, and generally where they can be applied, save and except as otherwise herein provided.

NATURE AND SIZE OF CLAIMS.

18. The size of claims shall be as follows:—

(a) For "bar diggings," a strip of land 100 feet wide at high water mark, and thence extending into the river to its lowest water level.

(b) For "dry diggings," 100 feet square.