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The Miners' Protection Act.

A Bill entitled an Ordinance to facilitate the working of Mineral Lands.

Whereas it is expedient to develop the resources of the Colony by affording facilities for the effectual working of Silver, Lead, Tin, Copper, Coal, and other minerals, other than Gold;

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. From and after the Proclamation in this Colony of Her Majesty's assent to this Ordinance, every person or Association, or company of persons whosever, shall be free to enter and explore for silver, lead, tin, copper, coal, and other minerals, including coal, in and under the mineral Lands hereinafter defined, subject nevertheless to the provisions and conditions of this Ordinance, and any other regulations affecting the acquisition and tenure thereof, which may from time to time hereafter be prescribed by law.

II. Every person, association of persons or company, desirous of acquiring a mine or mining claim upon this Ordinance shall before entering into possession of the particular part of the said mineral lands he or they may wish to acquire and work for minerals, make application in writing to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the District within which the land required is situated, for a Prospecting License over such land for any term not exceeding one year from the date of such application. Provided always that any such applicant upon giving satisfactory proof of bona fide exploration and working for Minerals in such land during the said term of one year, to such Assistant Commissioner, shall be entitled to an extension of the said term for a second period of one year, and no longer.

III. Every such applicant shall give to such Assistant Commissioner the best possible written description of the plot of land over which the privilege is sought, together with a proper plan or diagram thereof, and identify the spot in question by pointing out the position of the boundary posts to be set up by the applicant over the land, and by stating in the description any other landmarks of a noticeable character, and such application and plans shall be in duplicate, one of which shall be retained in the office of the said Assistant Commissioner, and the other transmitted forthwith to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, at the head office of the Lands and Works Department, and there filed of record for general reference.

IV. No applicant shall be entitled to receive a prospecting License until he shall have to the satisfaction of the said Assistant Commissioner, that before making such application he has caused a clear written or printed notice of his intention to apply for such license, to be posted on some conspicuous part of his own and any adjacent (if any) sett or mining claim, and on the Court House of the District (if any) for fourteen clear days previous to his application, without any valid opposition to his claim having been substantiated. The application shall be filed of record in the office of the said Assistant Commissioner at the time of its being received by him.

V. A prospecting License may include within the general limits therein defined, any quantity of Mineral Land not exceeding one hundred acres to each individual applicant, or five hundred acres for any association or company consisting of not less than three persons, out of which the Licensee at or before the expiration of such License, or of any prolongation thereof, may select for purchase the portion of mineral land to be included in a Crown Grant as hereinafter mentioned. A discoverer will be entitled to a mining claim under this Ordinance, of double the size of an ordinary claim hereunder.

VI. Such license may be in the form marked A in the Schedule hereto, (which Schedule is hereby made part of this Ordinance), and shall contain full and exclusive power and authority to search for, raise, get, make merchantable and sell for the use of the licensee, all metals and minerals (other than gold) within the prescribed limits, to make and erect the necessary roads, works and buildings, for profitably or conveniently carrying on the mining operations here with a power to the licensee, at or before the expiration of such license, or any prolongation thereof, upon compliance with the terms and conditions in this Ordinance contained to claim a Crown Grant of such portions of the mineral lands included in his license, as is hereinafter in that behalf more particularly described.

VII. The interest of every licensee under this Ordinance shall be deemed to have absolutely ceased and determined on the expiration or other sooner determination of his license, or any prolongation thereof, unless he shall have prior to such expiration or determination made application for a Crown Grant as herein provided.

VIII. Every person, association or company lawfully holding a prospecting license upon this Ordinance, and complying with its provisions, shall until the

determination of such his or their, holding, and for the purpose of more effectually carrying on mining operations on the premises, be entitled to the free use, without compensation of a reasonable quantity of any unoccupied and unappropriated stone, sand, lime and timber which may be on the premises included in such license, and may erect such buildings and machinery, and make and use such roads and works within such limits, as he shall find necessary for the profitable conduct of his or their Mining operations.

IX. Priority of record with the said Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works shall give priority of title.

X. The quantity of mineral land to be granted to any Licensee duly applying for a Crown Grant, and fulfilling the conditions hereinafter in that behalf more particularly mentioned, will be for each individual applicant not exceeding one acre, and for each association or company of three or more persons not exceeding one acre for each person, and for each foot along the length of the lode, vein, bed, seam or stratum, with its dips, angles, and variations. Provided always that a discoverer duly complying with the requirements of this Ordinance, shall be entitled to double the above quantity of mineral land in his Crown Grant.

XI. No such Crown Grant shall be given until the Licensee applying for the same shall have left with the said Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, and have posted on a conspicuous part of the premises sought for, and on the Court House of the said district, if any, for at least two calendar months previous to his application for such Crown Grant, and prior to the expiration of the term included in his license or any prolongation thereof, a notice of his intention to apply for such Crown Grant, with a diagram of the premises, and shall for the same space have published such notice in the Government Gazette and a newspaper published nearest to the said Mine and premises. The said Assistant Commissioner shall also post such notice in his Office for a period of Two Calendar Months, and after the expiration of such period, if no adverse claims have been filed with the said Assistant or Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, it shall be the duty of the Surveyor General, upon application of the party and payment of the cost thereof, to survey the premises, and make a plan thereof indorsed with his approval, designating the number and position of the land and premises on the Official Map, the value of the labour and improvements, and the character of the lode, vein, bed, or stratum exposed; and upon payment to the proper officer of Dollars per acre, together with the cost of such survey, plan, and notice, and giving satisfactory evidence that the said notice, plans, or diagrams have been duly posted and published in the places and manner, and for the periods in that behalf respectively prescribed by this Ordinance, the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works of the District shall transmit to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at the head office of the Lands and Works Department, such plan, survey, and description, and a Crown Grant shall issue for the same.

XII. Upon the said survey, or at any time before the actual issue of any Crown Grant under this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General or his agent or other person specially authorized by the Governor in writing in that behalf, upon payment of the actual expenses connected therewith, to rectify boundaries and to settle finally on the spot any dispute which may from time to time arise as to the actual or proper boundaries between adjacent or conflicting Mining Claims under this Ordinance. Every such decision expressed in writing and filed for record in the head Lands and Works Office, with a plan or diagram of the proper boundaries as rectified, shall be final and without appeal, any rule of Law or Equity to the contrary notwithstanding, and shall be evidence in all Courts in the Colony of the several matters and things therein contained. [To be continued in our next.]

Eastern States. New York, Dec. 30.—A party at Jackson, Pa., last Thursday, while going to some entertainment, endeavored to cross a pond on the ice. The thick ice having been out, the ice broke, letting their sleighs through. Thirty people are reported drowned, only one driver escaping. The Tribune's Washington special says that at a Cabinet meeting yesterday, Evans and Seward being absent, the question was discussed of releasing the political prisoners, including those at the Dry Tortugas. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Intelligencer editorially tells the people of Virginia that the question of negro suffrage has passed beyond their control and advises that they make an early and distinct recognition of this fact and act accordingly. It is said General Grant has received a letter advising, as a peace measure, that he shall appoint Jeff Davis as Secretary of War.

Political Condition of New York.

The Nation, an independent journal of New York, has the following remarks upon the Tammany Ring and their corrupt management:

The Tammany Ring have achieved the principal object for which they have carried on the Presidential election. They have the governor of the State, and they hope to buy up enough members of the Legislature to carry, through all their merely financial schemes. Next year they believe they will be able to secure the Legislature, so as to break down the laws which now keep the police out of their hands; and this being done New York city will be wholly at the mercy of Tammany. Law will be administered by perjurers, property will be guarded by thieves, and life will be protected by assassins. These may be extravagant expressions, in the judgment of persons who are not familiar with this city; but they are not a whit too strong to depict the probable future of New York. We have no judges on the bench whom no man would believe under oath. We had, under the rule of Fernando Wood, a police notoriously in league with the principal burglars of the city. We have a district attorney who, in a case where all the evidence that was published showed a deliberate murder, accepted a plea of manslaughter, and a judge who fined the murderer six cents. We see a tremendous scheme of fraudulent voting carried on without disguise, and respected citizens stricken down in broad daylight for daring to interfere with it. We know active politicians who have done their best to murder scores of men, and we know that they are never punished unless they happen to attack a man of greater political influence than themselves. The police are the only protection remaining to the honest citizen of New York; and now the loss of the Legislature for a single year would throw the police into the hands of Tammany Hall. When that is once done, it can never be undone, for New York city will never after give 150,000 majority as easily as it now gives 50,000, and the governor being thus secured, his veto will prevent any change.

Shipping Intelligence. PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA. ENTERED. Jan 2—Sip Mist, McKenzie, San Juan. Sch Black Diamond, Rudlin, Nanaimo. Slip Lady Franklin, Fitchard, San Juan. Sch Surprise, Christensen, Nanaimo. Jan 3—Sip Otter, Lewis, Sitka. Slip Stella, Henderson, Seattle. Jan 4—Sip Star, Anderson, Finch, Puget Sound. Jan 5—Sip Favorite, McKay, Honolulu. Slip Stella, Henderson, Seattle. Slip Hamley, Hollins, Nanaimo. Slip Ocean Queen, Smith, San Juan. CLEARED. Jan 2—Sip Mist, McKenzie, San Juan. Jan 4—Sch Black Diamond, Rudlin, Nanaimo. Slip Emma, McIntosh, San Juan. Slip Lady Franklin, Fitchard, San Juan. Slip Stella, Henderson, Seattle. Sch Industry, Watkins, Nanaimo. Jan 5—Sip Otter, Swanson, New Westminster. Slip Stella, Henderson, Seattle. Slip Hamley, Hollins, Nanaimo. Slip Ocean Queen, Nelson, San Juan. Sch Inverloch, Coffey, Seattle. PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND, W. T. ENTERED. Jan 4—Am bk Rival, from San Francisco; to load at Diseno, for San Francisco. Am bk Anglo-Saxon, San Francisco; to load at Port Gamble, for San Francisco. Am bk North-west, San Francisco; to load at Port Madison, for San Francisco. French bk Angles, San Francisco; to load at Port Gamble, for San Francisco. Am ship Bevero, San Francisco; to load at Port Discovery, for San Francisco. Slip Salvador ship Grant, Pacific, 1657 tons, T K Law, master, from San Francisco; to load at Usualdy, for Calcutta. Jan 5—Sip Mary and Milan, from San Francisco. At Port Discovery, ship Mary Glover, San Francisco. PASSENGERS. DEPARTURE. For FAVORITE, from Honolulu—Capt Swift, S. Hill, Alfred Fellows. For star ACTIVE from Portland—Capt J F Haskell, wife, two children and party; L J Cookin, T G Moody and wife, P Stool and wife, P Stool and wife, M J Johnson and wife, P Hankin and wife, W Long and wife, J Galliger, G Hoyt, W H Harrison, W Angel, C Schoemaker, Mrs J Taylor, Mrs J Childers, J Marling, J Robertson, J Canton, W Miller, T Bargyanna, A H Dennis, B Hughes, Capt Irving, W Irving, M Vazy wife and 5 children, M Murray, J Ross, James Chifford, J Milobogon, J Moulton, J Butler and 3 Children. For star OTTER, from Sitka—Capt Leon Smith, wife and child; Capt J H Smith, U S A, Wrensell, Judge Storck, James Roberts, James Greenway, James J Wiley, Ross, Jackson, Thomas, Francis, Taylor, Morrison, Miss M. Allister, Clara White, Annie Pullin, Mr L P Yernaro and 3 Children. CONSIGNERS. For star FAVORITE, from Honolulu—H B Co, Janion Rhodes & Co, Law Bros, J R Stewart. For star ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—Reynolds, Dan, J Murray. IMPORTS. For star FAVORITE, from Honolulu—491 pigs mutton, 22 bags coffee, 30 bags rice, 6 cks fish and shooks, 15 bds jo, 6 pgs personal effects. For star ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—7 cattle 17 sacks oysters 22 cattle 1 ham. BREATH. In this city, on the 4th inst, the wife of H. Mansell of a daughter. Marine Insurance. THE UNION INSURANCE COMPANY of San Francisco. INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY, CAPITAL Stock, \$750,000. Forinsuring Merchandise, Treasure, Commissions, Profits &c. For information, rates of Premium, &c., apply to the Agents, Wharf street, Jan 3m.

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The discussion upon the Resolutions was continued, closed doors, and we are another secret session to same subject. It is a circle to be deplored that the have seen proper to ex- while so important a su- doubted right to know Council propose to take in- ant matter, and to listen views of the honorable do not propose to dispute Council to exclude strang- but we doubt the prop- exclusion under exist- stances. The action of carries us back to the to take notes of a deb- ment was to lay oneself li- tion; and when any pers- hand was immediately e- Sergeant-at-Arms on susp- reporter. Happily, those in England; and it has legislative body of the Vancouver Island to resu- and tried gag-law and use to prevent the pub- properly informed as to We have no complaint to this—shall we not say inv- rights? If the public e- meagre report day a- as we send forth to-d- most happy to escape a- and unpleasant duty. is any good reason for debate with closed do- believe—and it is the v- reach, point or objec- the act of exclusion o- cusable. Three MEN MISSING FROM New Year's day three men, in Joseph Falder, Lewis Hugg, Cornish, left Nanaimo in Burrard Inlet, at which plac- intended to take passage o- ship Maria J Smith. Hugg- were to return in three day- not appear as expected, a- felt about their safety, as a- blew about the time the- the Gulf. Five men on Fri- took a life boat and went- enquire if Falder's party h- To the regret of all notic- them. Inquiry and search- the coast as far as Jar- tidings could be obtained- The boat returned to Na- public meeting held on T- was resolved to make furth- the coast, to ascertain if- the men or boat have been- found. A subscription v- cover the expense of the ex- is usual at Nanaimo, the- hands of the citizens wer- in vain; a round sum be- the room. The impressio- was stamped upon the men- RECIPROcity.—Mr Polan- the U S Congress, from h- has introduced a petition- that State protesting ag- of the Reciprocity Treat- mont is one of those State- boundary line which, it wa- most directly benefited. At a meeting of the sh- Queen Charlotte Coal Com- ing directors were electe- Chairman; W P Sayward- Gibbs, G W A Lange, D- Fawcett, J P Davies.