

VI.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

INTERPRETATION.

64. In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the following meanings respectively, unless inconsistent with the context:—

“Minister” shall mean the Minister of the Interior.

“Agent” or “Local Agent” shall mean the Agent of Dominion Lands for the district, or other officer appointed by the Government for the particular purpose referred to.

“Mineral” shall include all minerals whatsoever other than coal.

“Close Season” shall mean the period of the year during which placer mining is generally suspended.

“Miner” shall mean a person holding a mining location or a grant for placer mining.

“Claim” shall mean the personal right of property in a placer mine or diggings during the time for which the grant of such mine or diggings is made.

“Claimant” shall mean a person who has obtained an entry for a mining location with a view to patent.

“Bar Diggings” shall mean any mine over which a river extends when in its flooded state.

“Dry Diggings” shall mean any mine over which a river never extends.

The mines on benches shall be known as “Bench Diggings,” and shall, for the purpose of defining the size of such claims, be excepted from “Dry Diggings.”

“Streams and Ravines” shall include water-courses, whether usually containing water or not, and all rivers, creeks and gulches.

“Ditch” shall include a flume or race, or other artificial means for conducting water by its own weight, to be used for mining purposes.

“Ditch Head” shall mean the point in a natural water-course or lake where water is first taken into a ditch.

“Placer Mining” shall mean the working of all forms of deposits, excepting veins of quartz or other rock in place.

“Quartz Mining” shall mean the working of veins of quartz or other rock in place.

“Location” shall mean the land entered by, or patented to, any person for the purpose of quartz mining.

HEARING AND DECISION OF DISPUTES.

65. The Superintendent of Mines shall have power to hear and determine all disputes in regard to mining property arising within his district, subject to appeal by either of the parties to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands,