

the progress of survey and partial settlement comprises the largest portion of the organized Counties in Upper Canada, I would warmly recommend the examination, with a view to ultimate survey and settlement, of the lands on the Northernly and Easterly shores of Lake Huron, and extending inland about twenty-five miles.

Return shewing the names of parties holding mining limits in Upper Canada the date when granted, the bonus paid, the extent, where situated, and general conditions; and the nature and extent of preemption secured to the holder.

A return of the existing Mining locations in Upper Canada, covering Crown land, will be found appended hereto. They have each been allotted, as containing 6,400 acres; they are all situated upon the shores of Lakes Superior and Huron, and were assigned to the parties whose names appear against them, a deposit of £150 being paid down at the time of the location being claimed; the terms of purchase being at the rate of four shillings per acre, one-fifth to be paid within two years, the deposit to constitute a part of such instalment, and the remainder in five annual instalments, with interest. Failure to make payments as they fall due, or to commence and *bona fide* carry on, mining operations, within eighteen months of the date of location, to occasion forfeiture of the location and the amount previously paid in.

Return of Minerals now excepted and retained in any patents issued for lands sold, together with form of Patent now issued.

The Reservations in favor of the Crown, inserted at the present time in Land Patents, comprise "all Mines of Gold and Silver" and no other Minerals or Minerals. A form of Patent of the description now in use is placed herewith.

WM. SPRAGGE,
Chief Clerk.

Crown Land Department,
Quebec, 10th March, 1855.

Extract from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, dated the 10th December, 1845, approved by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, in Council on the 12th of the same month.

On the subject of the several applications for leases of occupation of tracts of country for mining purposes on the shores of Lake Superior and adjacent places, and the licenses of exploration granted for the same purposes:

Permission having been given to several parties resident in this Province to explore for ore on the Northern shore of Lake Superior, preliminary to granting licenses to work the beds and veins, on such terms as Your Excellency hereafter shall see fit, as may be discovered in the course of the several explorations, the Committee respectfully submit that the following *memoranda* be furnished to the several parties to whom permission to explore has been given, as the basis on which Your Excellency will be prepared to take such further steps to effect the premises, as, the first conditions being performed, shall then to Your Excellency seem desirable.

As the fact of having made these prior explorations will form the ground of application for license to occupy and open the mines, that each party will be