

MINERAL LANDS.

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,

Ottawa, 13th July, 1866.

REGULATIONS for the sale of Mineral Lands approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

INFERIOR METALS.

1. That each regular mining tract in unsurveyed territory shall consist of blocks of two hundred or four hundred acres.

2. That the dimensions of each regular mining tract of four hundred acres be forty chains in front by one hundred chains in depth, and smaller tracts, except on lakes and rivers, in the same proportion. The bearings of the outlines to be North and South, and East and West, astronomically, in the unorganized territories in Upper Canada and parallel to the outlines of the townships elsewhere.

3. That mining tracts bordering upon lakes and rivers shall have their frontage upon such waters, and shall be subject in all cases to the public rights in navigable or floatable waters; and that mining tracts, so situated, shall have a mean depth of one hundred chains back from such river or lake, (exclusive of road allowance of one chain in width, which shall be reserved along the margin of such river or lake,) in conformity with the above mentioned bearings.

4. That mining tracts in unsurveyed territory shall be surveyed by a Provincial Land Surveyor, and connected with some known point in previous surveys, (so that the tract may be laid down on the office maps of the territory) at the cost of the applicants, who shall be required to furnish with their application the surveyor's plan, field notes, and descriptions thereof in accordance with the foregoing regulations, and to the satisfaction of the Department, and pay the price of one dollar per acre into the Department of Crown Lands at the time of making application.

5. That in surveyed townships, lots presenting indications of minerals, be sold on the above conditions, but at not less than one dollar per acre in any township, and at the same price as the other lands in the township when it is more than one dollar per acre.

6. That mining lands in surveyed townships be sold by the local agents for cash, but all lands in unsurveyed territory shall be sold by the Department.

7. The above regulations do not apply to mines of gold and silver.

GOLD AND SILVER.

8. That in selling the lands in the gold mining divisions, the Department is to discriminate as far as practicable between purchasers for actual settlement, *bona fide*, and those for mining or speculative purposes; selling to the former for the present prices and terms, (subject to an increase to \$2 an acre, under the order of 8th August, 1864, when actually worked for gold,) and to the latter for one dollar an acre—cash.

9. That in all Letters Patent for lands, the clause reserving all mines of gold and silver be omitted.

10. All previous regulations inconsistent with the above are cancelled.

A. CAMPBELL, Commissioner.