

known mine on the same lead, and if not on a lead at least one mile at right angles from the course of the lead; if in alluvial workings, at least two miles distant from any previously discovered mine.

31. In leases of areas reservations shall be made of necessary ways and watercourses over the area, and whether such reservations be expressly made or not, all parties taking leases shall be considered as accepting the same, subject to such reservations, and also to such regulations for the transmission of water, or the making and using of ways over and across the same, or the diversion of water therefrom, as the Governor in Council may, from time to time, consider expedient.

Reservations in leases.

32. The rents and royalties prescribed by this Act, are irrespective of the rights of, and compensation to, private proprietors. The damages of such proprietors, when ascertained, whether by agreement between them and the Gold Commissioner, or by any process now existing or hereinafter provided for ascertaining the same, shall be a charge on the public treasury, and payable within thirty days after the same shall be ascertained.

Damages to private properties to be a charge on Treasury.

33. The Governor in Council, on being satisfied of the discovery of gold in any locality, whether made previously or subsequently to the passing of this Act, may, by proclamation in the "Royal Gazette," declare such locality to be a gold district, and assign limits and boundaries to such district, and from time to time enlarge, contract, or otherwise alter such limits.

When payable.

Gold district—how established, &c.

34. Wherever the title to the soil of any uncultivated lands in such district shall not be in the Crown, but the gold therein shall belong to the Crown or its lessees, it shall be the duty of the Gold Commissioner by himself, or by some deputy by him specially authorized thereto, to visit and examine the district, and to make a report on the same to the Governor in Council. In such report he shall set forth as nearly as they can be ascertained, the exact limits and boundaries of such of the uncultivated lands as will probably be required to be laid off in areas for mining purposes; the rivers, brooks, streams, ravines, hills, and other physical peculiarities in such lands, the names and residences so far as they can be ascertained of the persons owning the same, and the quantities respectively owned by them, and the value of such lands (distinguishing those of each proprietor), such value to be estimated irrespective of any enhancement thereof from the supposed existence of gold therein, or in lands in the neighbourhood thereof; and he shall specify the nature and character of the mines; and state whether in his opinion it would be for the interest as well of the proprietor as of the Crown that such uncultivated lands, or any portion thereof, (specifying the same), should be re-vested in the Crown, and such report shall be accompanied

When title to uncultivated lands not in Crown, Commissioner to report thereon.

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