

Mineral Ordinance.

XLI. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the rights of any person or Company holding Mineral Lands under Lease, Reservation, or Grant from the Crown already made, but every such person or Company may surrender such rights, and may at once come under the provisions of this Ordinance, and hold such land or such portion thereof as shall not exceed the quantity allowed by this Ordinance, together with all the other privileges secured by such Ordinance.

Existing Lessees
may come in under
this Ordinance.

XLII. Provided that this Ordinance shall not take effect until Her Majesty's approval thereof shall have been duly published in this Colony.

Suspensing Clause.

XLIII. In the construction of this Ordinance, the following expressions shall have the following interpretations respectively, unless there be something inconsistent or repugnant thereto in the context:—

Interpretation
Clause.

The words "Her Majesty" or "The Crown" shall mean Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors.

The word "Governor" shall mean and include any person administering the Government of this Colony.

The terms "Assistant Commissioner," "Chief Commissioner" shall mean Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and Surveyor General, respectively, and shall also include any other persons appointed by the Governor to act in lieu of those Officers respectively, for the purposes of this Ordinance.

The word "Mine" shall mean any locality in which any vein, lode, or stratum, or natural bed of Silver or other Mineral than Gold, including Coal, shall be mined; and the verb "to mine" shall include any mode or method whatsoever of working the same for the purpose of obtaining the ore, mineral, or metal therefrom.

"Mining Claim" shall mean and include the interest acquired, or sought to be acquired, in any Mineral Lands under this Ordinance.

"Mineral Lands," for the purposes of this Ordinance, shall mean and include all waste lands of the Crown in the Mainland of the Colony of British Columbia, including Queen Charlotte's Island, and such other portion or portions of the said Colony as shall hereafter be brought under the provisions of this Ordinance, by any Proclamation or Proclamations by the Governor in that behalf, and which lands shall be available for Mining purposes, and whether surveyed or unsurveyed, in which lodes, veins, beds, or strata of Silver, Tin, Copper, Lead, Coal, Iron, Cinnabar, or other Metal or Mineral, other than Gold, and whether discovered or hidden, are now or hereafter shall be found in place, and not for the time being occupied by any other person, or in any way reserved, or the site of an existent or proposed Town, or within one hundred yards of any messuage, orchard, garden, or ornamental grounds.

XLIV. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Mineral Ordinance, 1869."

Title

Passed the Legislative Council the 1st day of March, A. D. 1869.

CHARLES GOOD,
Clerk of the Council.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Presiding Member.

Assented to, on behalf of Her Majesty, this 10th day of March, 1869.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,
Governor.

SCHEDULE