

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

We are indebted to Mr. Geo. K. Morton, of St. Thomas, for the following letter from Mr. A. Blue, of the Bureau of Mines, Toronto, respecting Sections 9 and 10 of the Companies' Act of Ontario:

Toronto, Ont., May 29th, 1897.  
Office of the Bureau  
of Mines, Toronto.

DEAR SIR:

I have delayed answering your enquiries of the 18th inst., as it was necessary for me to consult the officers of the Departments, and procure advice as to the steps to be taken for the procuring of a license under the provisions of the 9th and 10th sections of the Act for the Incorporation of Mining Companies. The following requirements should be adhered to:

1. In every case the applicant company is required to apply in the form of a petition signed by the executive officers of the company, and under the company's seal, the signatures to be duly verified; which petition should set out something of the history of the company and show its powers, standing, real estate, property and assets, and that it is carrying on its operations on a scale and in a manner to command the confidence of the public. The petition should either include, or be accompanied by, a resolution authorizing the making of the application.
2. Where the applicant company has been incorporated in Great Britain or in British Columbia under the Imperial Act, it is required in addition to file a copy of its Memorandum of Agreement and Articles of Association verified by the Registrar or other proper officers having custody of the Originals.
3. Where the applicant company has been incorporated under any extra Provincial Act, it is required to file a copy of the Act verified by the Clerk of the Parliaments, or Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, or of a proper officer having charge of the Rolls.
4. Where the applicant company has been incorporated by letters patent, it is required to file a copy of its letters patent, verified by the Registrar of the Province or State as the case may be.
5. Where the applicant company has been incorporated by Declaration, it is required to file a copy of its Declaration, etc., certified by the officer in custody having charge of the originals.
6. In addition to evidence of financial ability, each company is required to file certified copy of its stock-book as it stands upon date of making its application.
7. It is also the practice of the Provincial Secretary's Department to require each incipient Mining Company on its application to show that at least ten per centum of its nominal capital has been subscribed.
8. Scale of fees for a license to an

extra provincial company is the same as the scale of fees for charters granted under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Act.

Yours very truly  
(Signed) A. BLUE,  
Director.

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**SECTIONS 9 AND 10 OF THE ACT RESPECTING THE INCORPORATION AND REGULATION OF MINING COMPANIES OF 1897.**

**SECTION 9.**—No extra-provincial mining, milling, reduction or development company having its head office elsewhere than in this Province, shall, either directly or indirectly, sell or otherwise dispose of within this Province any of its shares, stock, stock-certificates or other securities by whatsoever name known, unless and until it shall have received from the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a license authorizing it to sell and dispose of its shares and other securities, and any person who in contravention of this section acts for an unlicensed company shall, on conviction thereof, be liable to a fine of \$20 per day for every day while he so acted, and, in case the fine be not paid, shall in the discretion of the court be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three months.

**SECTION 10.**—No license shall be issued to an extra-provincial mining, milling, reduction and development company having its head office elsewhere than within this Province, until the Company shall have satisfied the Director of the Bureau of Mines that it has been duly incorporated and that it possesses the real estate, property and assets, and that it is carrying on its operations on a scale and in a manner to command the confidence of the public, and for this purpose the Director shall have the power to require of the Company such sworn documentary and other evidence as he shall deem to be requisite in the premises, and upon a report that he is satisfied that the Company is one which may be licensed under this section and upon this recommendation of the Provincial Secretary, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct the issue of a license upon such terms and conditions as to him shall seem proper, and he may summarily revoke and annul such license for any cause that to him shall appear to be sufficient.

Mr. Fielding announced last night that the government would put an export duty on logs, pulp-wood and Canadian ores. Mr. Foster and Sir Charles Tupper approved. Lead ores and nickel will likely be selected.

The British Columbia Southern has received its charter. Morrison's bill to incorporate the Yukon Mining and Trading Co. is reported.

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