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IN THE MATTER OF THE "PLACER MINING ACT (1891) AMENDMENT ACT, 1895" (SECTION 13), AND OF THE "MINERAL ACT, 1896" (SECTION 161).

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has been pleased to repeal the regulation of the 11th day of December, 1896, with regard to relief against forfeiture owing to the lapse of a Free Miner's Certificate heretofore in force, and to make the following regulation in respect thereof, such repeal and new regulation to take effect on the 15th day of November, 1897:

Any person or joint stock company, being the holder of any mining property, desiring relief against the forfeiture of his or its interest in such property by reason of an omission to obtain a new free miner's certificate on or before the day following the expiration of the certificate, shall observe the following conditions:

1. Forthwith upon ascertaining the expiry of his certificate obtain a new one:

2. At the time of obtaining such new certificate file with the Recorder issuing the same, and post in the Record Office, a notice of his intention to apply for relief:

3. Within 30 days from such filing, transmit to the Minister of Mines the following documents and fee:—

(a) A statutory declaration setting forth the circumstances of such omission, with full particulars of the mining properties held by the applicant which would be affected with forfeiture:

(b) A certificate under the hand of the Gold Commissioner or Mining Recorder of each division wherein any of the said properties is situate, that notice has been posted, and that no records (other than those mentioned in the said certificate, if any) adverse to the applicant's interest in the said properties have been made by him during the time in which the said applicant was not in possession of a valid existing free miner's certificate:

(c.) A declaration by the applicant, or his agent duly cognizant of the location on the ground of the applicant's properties, and the other facts affecting the case, that he has searched the records of claims recorded during the interval the applicant was in default, and that such claims do not (except as may be therein stated) conflict with or overlap any of the properties of the applicant:

(d.) The sum of five dollars.

The Minister of Mines may thereupon give instructions for the alteration of the date of the applicant's free miner's certificate so as to conform with the date of the expiration of the lapsed certificate, and may also give instructions for such amendment to be made to the records affected as may be considered requisite, and any such relief may be partial as to properties in respect whereof relief is given, or so as to save adverse rights acquired during default of the applicant.

JAMES BAKER,

Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines.



PRIVATE BILLS.

EXCERPT FROM RULES AND ORDERS RELATING TO PRIVATE BILLS.

ALL applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the "British North America Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a Bridge, the making of a Railway, Tramway, Turnpike Road, or Telegraph or Telephone Line; the construction or improvement of a Harbour, Canal, Lock, Dam, Slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of Ferry; the incorporation of any particular trade or calling, or of any joint stock company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive or peculiar

rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community, or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act—shall require a Notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application, and, where the application refers to any proposed work, indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants, such notice to be published as follows:—

In the *British Columbia Gazette* and in one newspaper published in the district affected, or if there be no newspaper published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest district in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding session and the consideration of the petition, and copies of such notice shall be sent by the parties inserting such notice to the Clerk of the House to be filed amongst the records of the Committee on Standing Orders.

57. No Petition for any Private Bill shall be received by the House after the first ten days of each Session, nor may any Private Bill be presented to the House after the first three weeks of each Session, nor may any report of any Standing or Select Committee upon a Private Bill be received after the first four weeks of each Session, and no Motion for the suspension or modification of this rule shall be entertained by the House until the same has been reported on by the Committee on Standing Orders, or after reference made thereof at a previous sitting of the House to the Standing Committees charged with consideration of Private Bills, who shall report thereon to the House. And if this rule shall be suspended or modified as aforesaid the promoters of any Private Bill which is presented after the time hereinbefore limited, or for which the Petition has been received after the time hereinbefore limited, shall in either case pay double the fees required as herein mentioned, unless the House shall order to the contrary. Any person seeking to obtain any Private Bill shall deposit with the Clerk of the House, eight days before the opening of the Session a printed copy of such Bill, a copy of the Petition to be presented to the House, together with the notices published. At the time of depositing the Bill, the applicant shall also pay to the Clerk of the House a sum of three hundred dollars. If a copy of the Bill Petition and notices shall not have been so deposited in the hands of the Clerk of the House at least eight days before the opening of the Session, and if the Petition has not been presented within the first ten days of the Session, the amount to be paid to the Clerk shall be six hundred dollars. If the Bill shall not pass second reading one-half of the fees paid shall be returned.

60. Before any Petition, praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge is received by the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such Bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by rule 59, also at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a drawbridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

61. All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation shall be so framed as to incorporate by reference the clauses of the General Acts relating to the details to be provided for by such Bills:—Special grounds shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and a note shall be appended to the Bill indicating the provisions thereof in which the General Act is proposed to be departed from. Bills which are not framed in accordance with this Rule shall be re-cast by the promoters and re-printed at their expense before any Committee passes upon the clauses.

65. All private Bills shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and printed in Small Pica type, twenty-six ems by fifty ems, on good paper, in imperial octavo form, each page when folded measuring 10¾ inches by 7½ inches. There shall be a marginal number every fifth line of each page; the numbering of the lines is not to run on through the Bill, but the lines of each page are to be numbered separately. One hundred copies of each Bill shall be deposited with the Clerk of the House immediately before the first reading. If amendments are made to any Bill during its progress before the Committee on Private Bills, or through the House, such Bill shall be reprinted by the promoters thereof.

Dated 16th November, 1897.

THORNTON FELL,

Clerk, Legislative Assembly.