

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The immediate purpose of this Bill is to repeal the *Yukon Placer Mining* and *Yukon Quartz Mining Acts* and to make a consequential amendment to the *Territorial Lands Act*. The effect of the Bill is to enable placer and quartz mining in the Yukon Territory to be administered under the *Territorial Lands Act* in the same manner as placer and quartz mining is now administered in the *Northwest Territories*.

In 1932, the quartz mining regulations for the Northwest Territories were thoroughly revised and brought up-to-date. It is now proposed to apply these regulations with suitable revisions to the Yukon Territory. Similarly, it is proposed that up-to-date placer mining regulations be applied to both Territories. These steps will result in the establishment of a uniform and flexible method of administration for both the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

1. Section 3 of the *Territorial Lands Act* presently reads as follows,—

“3. This Act applies only to territorial lands that are under the control, management and administration of the Minister, and nothing in this Act shall be construed as limiting the operation of the *Yukon Quartz Mining Act*, the *Yukon Placer Mining Act*, the *Dominion Water Power Act* or *The National Parks Act*.”

The words underlined are being dropped.

2. Repeals the *Yukon Placer Mining Act* and the *Yukon Quartz Mining Act*.

3. The Act is to come into force upon proclamation.

4. The purpose of Parts II and III is to provide for appropriate amendments to the new Revised Statutes of Canada, which are now in press and are expected to appear during the current session.