

## MINING LAWS.

### FREE MINERS.

"Free miners" only can have right or interest in mining claims or ditches. A "free miner" must be over 16 years of age. His certificate may be for one year (\$5), or three years (\$15), and is not transferable. He may enter and mine Crown lands, or, on making compensation, lands occupied for other than mining purposes. To recover wages must have a "free miner's" certificate.

### RECORD, ETC., OF CLAIMS.

Claims must be recorded (\$2.00), and re-recorded (\$2.50). Time allowed for record is three days after location, if within ten miles of office—one additional day for every additional ten miles, or fraction thereof. In very remote places, miners, assembled in meeting, may make valid rules temporarily. Transfers of claims or mining interests must be in writing and registered. "Free miners" may hold any number of claims by purchase, but only two by pre-emption, except in certain cases, but the rule is that every full claim or full interest must be worked either by owner or agent. A "free miner" can, by record, get a fair share of water necessary to work claim. A claim is deemed open if unworked for 72 hours on working days, unless for sickness or other reasonable cause.

### NATURE AND SIZE OF ORDINARY MINING CLAIMS.

Claims, as far as possible, are rectangular and must be staked by post or tree. Sizes are, "bar diggings," 100 feet wide at high-water mark, and thence