

**3.** Section fifty-three of said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"**53.** (1) Adjoining claims, not exceeding eight in number, may be grouped together for the performance of work by the owner or owners thereof upon filing with the mining recorder a notice of his or their intention so to group such claims and obtaining a certificate in form "E" of this Act. 5

(2) The holder or holders of a certificate in form "E" of this Act may perform on any one or more of the claims in respect of which the certificate was issued all or any part 10 of the work required to entitle him or them to a certificate of work for each claim so held by him or them, but if such work is not done or if payment in lieu thereof is not made as prescribed in section fifty-five of this Act, the claims shall be deemed to be vacant and abandoned without any declar- 15 ation of cancellation or forfeiture on the part of the Crown.

(3) Claims in respect of which a certificate in form "E" has been issued and claims owned by one person within a mining district, may, on application by the owners thereof, be made renewable on any one date. 20

(4) The mining recorder shall charge, for each claim, one dollar and a quarter for each three months or portion thereof that it is necessary to extend the record to make claims renewable on the same date, and the work, or payment in lieu thereof, required for the fractional part of the year 25 for which each claim is extended shall be allowed at the rate of twenty-five dollars for each three months or fraction thereof, and such payment or work shall be made or performed prior to the date upon which all are so made renewable." 30

**4.** The said Act is further amended by inserting immediately after section fifty-six thereof the following section:

"**56A.** The Governor in Council may make regulations exempting members of the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty or any of His Majesty's allies, during the period 35 of their service as such and one year thereafter, from the provisions of this Act respecting forfeiture, for non-performance of work or non-payment of assessments or rentals, of mineral claims held by them at the time of their enlistment." 40

Number of adjoining claims that may be grouped for working.

Work on one or more of claims.

Claims renewable on application.

Conditions of renewal.

Regulations to protect service personnel from forfeiture of claims.