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## REGULATIONS

Governing the Issue of Leases to dredge for Minerals in the submerged Beds of Rivers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the North-west Territories excepting rivers in the Yukon Territory.

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Approved by Orders in Council of the 21st and 29th July, 1897, as amended.

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The Agent of Dominion Lands in whose district the portion of the river desired to be leased is situated is authorized to accept applications, and leases may be issued by the Minister of the Interior upon the following conditions :—

1. The lessee shall be given the exclusive right to subaqueous mining and dredging for minerals with the exception of coal in and along an unbroken extent of five miles of the river following its sinuosities, and to be described by the applicant in such manner as to be easily traced on the ground.

Not more than 2 leases, each including an unbroken extent of five miles of a river, shall be issued in favour of one individual or company. Order in Council 18th January 1898

2. The lease shall be for a term of twenty years, at the end of which time all rights vested in, or which may be claimed, by the lessee are to cease and determine. The lease may be renewable, however, from time to time thereafter in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

3. The lessee's right to mining and dredging shall be confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river, below low water mark.

Order in Council, 4th September, 1900.

The holder of more than one dredging lease on the Saskatchewan River, however, shall also have the right to dredge during the period of his leases, between high and low water mark, on both sides of the river within each alternate five miles of his leaseholds. Such privilege to be subject to the rights of persons operating bar diggings under the provisions of Section 1 of the Regulations governing Placer Mining along the North Saskatchewan River in the North-West Territories, also subject to any entries granted for bench claims under the provisions of the above Regulations prior to the date upon which the leaseholder furnishes the Agent of Dominion Lands, within whose district his leaseholds are situated, with a description of the particular alternate five miles upon which he desires to operate between high and low water mark.

4. The lease shall be subject to the rights of all persons who have received or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims under the mining regulations.

Order in Council, 13th January, 1899.

5. The lessee shall have at least one dredge in operation upon the five miles of river leased to him, within one season from the date of his lease, and if, during one season when operations can be carried on, he fails to efficiently work the same to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior, the lease shall become null and void unless the Minister of the Interior shall otherwise decide. Provided that when any company or individual has obtained more than one lease, one dredge for each fifteen miles or portion thereof shall be held to be compliance with this regulation. This provision shall also apply to leases issued anterior to 13th January, 1899.

Order in Council, 13th January, 1899.

6. The lessee shall pay a rental of \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased to him, such rental to be paid in advance, and to commence to accrue on the date upon which the lease is issued. He shall also pay to the Crown a royalty of two and one-half per cent on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.00, as shown by sworn returns to be furnished monthly by the lessee during the period that dredging operations are being carried on. Said royalty to be paid monthly. This provision shall also apply to leases issued anterior to 13th January, 1899.

7. The lessee shall not interfere in any way with the general right of the public to use the river in which he may be permitted to dredge, for navigation and other purposes ; the free navigation of the river shall not be impeded by the deposit of tailings in such manner as to form bars or banks in the channel thereof ; and the current or stream shall not be obstructed in any material degree by the accumulation of such deposits.

8. The lease shall provide that any one who has or who may receive entry under the mining regulations shall be entitled to run tailings into the river at any point thereon, also to mine two feet below the surface of the water at low water mark by putting in wing-dams.

Provided that it shall not be lawful for such person to construct a wing-dam within one thousand feet from the place where any dredge is being operated, nor to obstruct or interfere in any way with the operation of any dredge. This provision shall also apply to leases issued anterior to 13th July, 1899.

Order in Council,  
13th January, 1899.

9. The lease to be issued shall reserve all roads, ways, bridges, drains, and other public works and improvements now existing, or which may hereafter be made in, upon or under any part of the river, and the power to enter and construct the same. It shall also provide that the lessee shall not damage nor obstruct any public ways, drains, bridges, works and improvements now or hereafter to be made upon, in, over, through, or under the river ; and that he will substantially bridge or cover and protect all the cuts, flumes, ditches and sluices, and all pits and dangerous places at all points where they may be crossed by a public highway or frequented path or trail, to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior.