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MINING REGULATIONS.

To govern the disposal of Mineral Lands other than Coal Lands.

1. These regulations shall be applicable to all Dominion Lands containing gold, silver, cinnabar, lead, tin, copper, petroleum, iron, or other

mineral deposit of economic value, with the exception of coal.

2. Any person may explore vacant Dominion Lands not appropriated or reserved by Government for other purposes, and may search therein, either by surface or subterranean prospecting, for mineral deposits, with a view to obtaining, under these Regulations, a mining location for the same, but no mining location or mining claim shall be granted until the discovery of the vein, lode, or deposit of mineral or metal within the limits of the location or claim.

I.—QUARTZ MINING.

3. A location for mining, except for iron, on veins, lodes, or ledges of quartz or other rock in place, shall not exceed forty acres in area. Its surface boundaries shall be straight due north and south and east and west lines not more than four in number. Its length shall not be more than three times its breadth. Its boundaries beneath the surface shall be the vertical planes in which its surface boundaries lie.

4. Any person having discovered a mineral deposit may obtain a mining location therefor, under these Regulations, in the following

manner:-

(a) He shall mark the location on the ground by placing at each of its four corners a wooden post, not less than four inches square, driven not less than eighteen inches into the ground, and showing that length above If the ground be too rocky to admit of so driving the posts into it, he shall build about each of them, to support it and keep it in place, a cairn or mound of stones, at least three feet in diameter at the base, and eighteen inches high. On the most north-easterly post he shall mark legibly with a cutting instrument, or with coloured chalk, or with a pencil, his name in full, the date of such marking, and the letters ML. 1, to indicate that the post is a Mining Location, post No. 1. Proceeding next to the most southeasterly post, he shall mark it ML. 2, and with his initials; next, the most southwesterly post shall be marked ML. 3, and with his initials; and, lastly, the most north-westerly post with his initials and the letters ML. 4. Furthermore, on one of the faces of each post, which face shall in the planting thereof be turned towards the post which next follows it in the order in which they are here named and numbered, there shall be marked in figures the number of yards' distance to such next following post. If means of measurement are not available, the distance to be so marked on each of the posts may be that estimated. If the corner of a location falls in a ravine, bed of a stream, or any other situation where the character of the locality may render the planting of a post impossible, the corner may be indicated by the erection at the nearest suitable point of a witness post, which in that case shall contain the same marks as those prescribed in this clause in regard to corner posts, as well as the letters W.P., and an indication of the bearing and distance of the site of the true corner from such witness post.

(In this manner any subsequent prospector, informed of these Regulations, will, on meeting any one of the posts or mounds, be enabled to follow them all round, from one to another, and avoid encroachment, either in search of or in marking out another location in the vicinity for

himself.

(b) Having so marked out on the ground the location he desires, the claimant shall within ninety days thereafter file with the Local Agent, in the Dominion Lands Office for the district in which the location is situate, a declaration on oath according to Form A in the schedule to these Regulations (which may be sworn to before the said Agent, or may have been previously sworn to before a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner) setting forth the circumstances of his discovery, and describing, as nearly as may be, the locality and dimensions of the claim marked out by him as aforesaid; and shall, along with such declaration, pay to the said Agent an entry fee of five dollars.

(c) The Agent shall then give him a receipt, according to Form B in the schedule to these Regulations, for such fee. This receipt shall authorize the claimant, his legal representatives or assigns, to enter into possession of the location applied for, and, during the term of one year from its date, to take therefrom and dispose of any mineral deposit contained within its

boundaries.

5. At any time before the expiration of one year from the date of his obtaining the Agent's receipt as aforesaid, it shall be open to the claimant to purchase the location, on filing with the Local Agent proof that he has expended not less than five hundred dollars in actual mining operations on the same, such proof to consist of his own sworn statement, accompanied and confirmed by the affidavits of two disinterested persons, setting forth in detail the nature of such operations and the amount expended.

6. The price to be paid for a mining location shall eat the rate of five

dollars per acre, cash.

7. On making the application to purchase a mining location, and paying the price therefor as hereinbefore provided, the claimant shall also deposit with the Agent the sum of fifty dollars, which shall be deemed payment by him to the Government for the survey of his location; and, upon the receipt of the plans and field-notes, and the approval thereof by the Surveyor-General, a patent shall issue to the claimant in the Form D in the schedule hereto. If, on account of its remoteness or other cause, a mining location cannot, at the time of the deposit of fifty dollars by the applicant for the purpose, be surveyed by the Government for that sum, he shall be subject to the alternative of waiting until the employment of a surveyor by the Government on other work in the vicinity of the claim renders it convenient to have the survey made at a cost not exceeding fifty dollars, or of sooner procuring. at his own cost, its survey by a duly commissioned surveyor of Dominion Lands, under instructions from the Surveyor-General; in the latter case, on receipt of the plans and field-notes of the survey and approval thereof by the Surveyor-General, as hereinbefore provided, the claimant shall be entitled to receive his patent, and to have returned to him the fifty dollars deposited by him to defray cost of survey.

- 8. Should the claimant, or his legal representatives as aforesaid, fail to prove within one year the expenditure prescribed; or, having proved such expenditure, fail within that time to pay in full, and in cash, to the Local Agent, the price hereinbefore fixed for such mining location, and also to pay the sum of fifty dollars hereinbefore prescribed for the survey of his location, then any right on the part of the claimant or of his legal representatives in the location, or claim on his or their part to acquire it, shall lapse, and the location shall thereupon revert to the Crown and shall be held, along with any immovable improvements thereon, for disposal, under these Regulations, to any other person, or as the Minister of the Interior may direct; provided, that the Minister of the Interior may, upon sufficient cause being shown, extend the time within which the claimant may purchase his mining location for the additional term of one year, upon payment by the claimant of a new entry fee and the relinquishment of his original receipt, in exchange for which the Agent shall, when so directed by the said Minister, give him a new receipt in the Form C in the schedule hereto.
- 9. Where two or more persons lay claim to the same mining location, the right to acquire it shall be in him who can prove he was the first to discover the mineral deposit involved, and to take possession by demarcation, in the manner prescribed in these Regulations, of the location covering it.
- a person subsequently and independently discovering, who has complied with the other conditions prescribed in these Regulations, shall take precedence of the first discoverer if the latter has failed to comply with the said other conditions. Provided, however, that in any case where it is proved that a claimant has in bad faith used the prior discovery of another, and fraudulently affirms that he made independent discovery and demarcation, he shall, apart from any other legal consequences, have no claim, and shall forfeit the deposit made with his application, and shall be absolutely debarred from obtaining another mining location.

11. Not more than one mining location shall be granted to any indivi-

dual claimant upon the same lode or vein.

12. Where land is used or occupied for milling purposes, reduction works or other purposes incidental to mining operations, either by the proprietor of a mining location or other person, such land may be applied for and patented, either in connection with, or separate from, a mining location, in the manner hereinbefore provided for the application for, and the patenting of, mining locations, and may be held in addition to any such mining location; but such additional land shall in no case exceed five acres in extent and shall be paid for at the same rate as a mining location.

13. The Minister of the Interior may grant a location for the mining of iron not exceeding 160 acres in area. Provided, that should any person making an application purporting to be for the purpose of mining iron thus obtain, whether in good faith or fraudulently, possession of a valuable mineral deposit other than iron, his right in such deposit shall be restricted to the area hereinbefore prescribed for other minerals, and the rest of the location shall thereupon revert to the Crown, for such disposition as the

Minister may direct.

14. When there are two or more applicants for any mining location, no one of whom is the original discoverer, or his assignee, the Minister of

the Interior, if he sees fit to dispose of the location, shall invite their competitive tenders, or shall put it up to public tender, or auction, as he may

15. An assignment of the right to purchase a mining location shall be endorsed on the back of the receipt or certificate of assignment (Forms B and E, in the schedule hereto), and the execution thereof shall be attested by two disinterested witnesses; upon the deposit of the receipt or certificate with such assignment executed and attested as herein provided, in the office of the Local Agent, accompanied by a registration fee of two dollars. the Local Agent shall give to the assignee a receipt in the Form E in the schedule hereto, which certificate shall entitle the assignee to all the rights and privileges of the original discoverer in respect of the claim assigned; and the said assignment shall be forwarded to the Minister of the Interior by the Local Agent, at the same time and in like manner as his other returns respecting Dominion Lands, and shall be registered in the Department of the Interior; and no assignment of the right to purchase a mining location which is not unconditional and in all respects in accordance with the provisions of this clause, and accompanied by the registration fee herein provided for, shall be recognized by the Local Agent or registered in the Department of the Interior.

16. If application be made under the next preceding clause by the assignee for the right to purchase a mining location, and such claim is duly recognized and registered, as hereinbefore provided, such assignee shall, by complying with all the provisions of Clauses 5 and 7, become entitled to purchase the location for the price and on the terms prescribed in these Regulations, whether or not his assignor may have previously acquired a

mining location under them.

II.—PLACER MINING.

17. The Regulations hereinbefore laid down in respect of Quartz Mining shall be applicable to Placer Mining, so far as they relate to entries, entry fees, assignments, marking of locations, Agents' receipts, and generally where they can be applied, save that the boundaries of Placer Mining claims need not be due north and south and east and west lines, and except as otherwise herein provided.

NATURE AND SIZE OF CLAIMS.

18. The size of claims shall be as follows: -

(a) For "bar diggings," a strip of land 100 feet wide at high water mark, and thence extending into the river to its lowest water level.

(b) For "dry diggings," 100 feet square. (c) "Creek and river claims" shall be 100 feet long, measured in the direction of the general course of the stream, and shall extend in width from base to base of the hill or bench on each side, but when the hills or benches are less than 1.00 feet apart, the claim shall be 100 feet square.

(d) "Bench claims" shall be 100 feet square.

(e) Every claim on the face of any hill, and fronting on any natural stream or ravine, shall have a frontage of 100 feet, drawn parallel to the main direction thereof, and shall be laid out, as nearly as possible, in the manner prescribed by Clause 4 of these Regulations.

(f) If any miner or association of miners shall discover a new mine, and such discovery shall be established to the satisfaction of the Agent, claims of the following size, in dry, bar, bench, creek, or hill diggings, shall be allowed:—

 To one discoverer.
 300 feet in length.

 " a party of two.
 600 do

 " three.
 800 do

 " four.
 1,000 do

and to each member of a party beyond four in number, a claim of the or-

dinary size only.

A new stratum of auriferous earth or gravel, situated in a locality where the claims are abandoned, shall for this purpose be deemed a new mine, although the same locality shall have been previously worked at a different level; and dry diggings discovered in the vicinity of bar diggings shall be deemed a new mine, and *vice versa*.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MINERS.

19. The forms of application for a grant for Placer Mining, and the grant of the same, shall be those contained in Forms F and G in the schedule hereto.

20. The entry of every holder of a grant for Placer Mining must be renewed, and his receipt relinquished and replaced, every year, the entry

fee being paid each time.

21. No miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim in the same locality, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and any number of miners may unite to work their claims in common, upon such terms as they may arrange, provided such agreement be registered with the Local Agent.

22. Any miner or association of miners may sell, mortgage, or dispose of his or their claims, provided such disposal be registered with, and a fee of two dollars paid, to the Local Agent, who shall thereupon give the

assignee a certificate in Form H in the schedule hereto.

- 23. Every miner shall, during the continuance of his grant, have the exclusive right of entry upon his own claim, for the miner-like working thereof, and the construction of a residence thereon, and shall be entitled exclusively to all the proceeds realized therefrom; but he shall have no surface rights therein; and the Local Agent may grant to the holders of adjacent claims such right of entry thereon as may be absolutely necessary for the working of their claims, upon such terms as may to him seem reasonable.
- 24. Every miner shall be entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his claim, and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall, in the opinion of the Local Agent, be necessary for the due working thereof; and shall be entitled to drain his own claim free of charge.

25. A claim shall be deemed to be abandoned and open to occupation and entry by any person when the same shall have remained unworked on working days by the grantee thereof for the space of seventy-two hours, unless sickness or other reasonable cause be shown, or unless the grantee

is absent on leave.

26. A claim granted under these Regulations shall be continuously and in good faith worked, except as otherwise provided, by the grantee

thereof or by some person on his behalf.

27. In tunnelling under hills, on the frontage of which angles occur, or which may be of an oblong or elliptical form, no party shall be allowed to tunnel from any of the said angles, or from either end of such hills, so as to interfere with parties tunnelling from the main frontage.

28. Tunnels and shafts shall be considered as belonging to the claim for the use of which they are constructed, and as abandoned or forfeited by

the abandonment or forfeiture of the claim itself.

29. For the more convenient working of back claims on benches or slopes, the Local Agent may permit the owners thereof to drive a tunnel through the claims fronting on any creek, ravine or water-course, upon such terms as he may deem expedient.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

- 30. In cases where water is necessary to the continuance of mining operations, and the supply of water is insufficient, the Agent shall have power to grant leave of absence to the holder of the grant during such insufficiency, but no longer, except by pérmission of the Minister of the Interior.
- 31. Any miner or association of miners shall be entitled to leave of absence for one year from his or their diggings, upon proving to the satisfaction of the Agent that he or they has or have expended on such diggings, in cash, labour or machinery, an amount of not less than \$500 on each of such diggings, without any return of gold or other minerals in reasonable quantities from such expenditure.

32. The time occupied by the locator of a claim in going to and returning from the office of the Local Agent to enter his claim, or for other purposes prescribed by these Regulations, shall not be counted against him,

but he shall, in such cases, be deemed to be absent on leave.

ADMINISTRATION.

33. In case of the death of any miner while entered as the holder of any mining claim, the provisions as to abandonment shall not apply either

during his last illness or after his decease.

- 34. The Local Agent shall take possession of the mining property of the deceased, and may cause such mining property to be duly worked, or dispense therewith, at his option, and he shall sell the property by private sale, or, after ten days' notice thereof, by public auction, upon such terms as he shall deem just, and out of the proceeds pay all costs and charges incurred thereby, and pay the balance, if any, to the legal representatives of the said deceased miner.
- 35. The Local Agent, or any person authorized by him, shall take charge of all the property of deceased miners until the issue of letters of administration.

III.—BED-ROCK FLUMES.

36. It shall be lawful for any Local Agent, upon the application hereinafter mentioned, to grant to any Bed-rock Flume Company, for any term not exceeding five years, exclusive rights of way through and entry upon any mining ground in his district, for the purposes of constructing. laying

and maintaining bed-rock flumes.

- 37. Three or more persons may constitute themselves into a Bed-rock Flume Company, and every application by them for such grant shall state the names of the applicants and the nature and extent of the privileges sought to be acquired. Ten clear days' notice thereof shall be given between the months of June and November, and between the months of November and June one month's notice shall be given, by affixing the same to a post planted in some conspicuous part of the ground or to the face of the rock, and a copy thereof conspicuously upon the inner walls of the Land Office of the district. Prior to such application, the ground included therein shall be marked out in the manner prescribed in sub-section a of clause four of these Regulations. It shall be competent for any person to protest before the Local Agent within the times hereinbefore prescribed for the notice of such application, but not afterwards, against such application being granted. Every application for a grant shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$100, which shall be returned if the application be refused. but not otherwise.
- 38. Every such grant shall be in writing, in the Form I given in the schedule hereto.
- 39. The holders of claims through which the line of the company's flume is to run may put in a bed-rock flume in their claims to connect with the company's flume, upon giving the company ten days' notice in writing to that effect; but they shall maintain the like grade, and build their flume as thoroughly, and of as strong materials, as that built by such company.

40. Every Bed-rock Flume Company shall lay at least fifty feet of flume during the first year and one hundred feet annually thereafter, until

completion of the flume.

41. Any miners lawfully working any claims where a bed-rock flume exists, shall be entitled to tail their sluices, hydraulics and ground sluices into such flume, but so as not to obstruct the free working of such flume by rocks, stones, boulders or otherwise.

42. Upon a grant being made to any Bed-rock Flume Company, the Local Agent shall register the same, and the company shall pay for such registration a fee of \$10. They shall also pay, in advance, an annual rent of \$10 for each quarter of a mile of right of way legally held by them.

IV.—DRAINAGE OF MINES.

43. The Minister of the Interior may grant to any person, or association of persons, permission to run a drain or tunnel for drainage purposes through any occupied mining land, and may give such persons exclusive rights of way through and entry upon any mining ground for any term not exceeding five years, for the purpose of constructing a drain or drains for the drainage thereof.

44. The grantee shall compensate the owners of lands or holders of claims entered upon by him for any damage they may sustain by the construction of such tunnel or drain, and such compensation, if not agreed upon, shall be settled by the Local Agent and be paid before such drain or tunnel

is constructed.

45. Such tunnel or drain, when constructed, shall be deemed to be the property of the person or persons by whom it shall have been so constructed.

46. Every application for a grant shall state the names of the applicants, the nature and extent of the proposed drain or drains, the amount of toll (if any) to be charged, and the privileges sought to be acquired, and shall, save where the drain is intended only for the drainage of the claim of the person constructing the same, be accompanied by a deposit of \$25, which shall be refunded in case the application is refused, but not otherwise. Notice of the application shall be given and protests may be made in the same manner as provided in regard to bed-rock flumes.

47. The grant of the right of way to construct drains or tunnels shall be made in the Form J in the schedule hereto. The grant shall be registered by the grantee in the office of the Local Agent, to whom he shall at the time pay a registration fee of \$5, or, if the grant gives power to collect tolls, a fee of \$10. An annual rent of \$10 shall be paid, in advance, by the said grantee for each quarter of a mile of right of way legally held by him, save where the drain shall be for the purpose of draining only the claim

of the person constructing the same.

V.—DITCHES.

48. The Minister of the Interior may, upon the application hereinafter mentioned, grant to any person, or association of persons, for any term not exceeding five years, the right to divert and use the water from any stream or lake at any particular part thereof, and the rights of way through and entry upon any mining ground, for the purpose of constructing ditches and flumes to convey such water; provided always, that every such grant shall be deemed as appurtenant to the mining claim in respect of which it has been obtained, and whenever the claim shall have been worked out or abandoned, or whenever the occasion for the use of such water upon the claim shall have permanently ceased, the grant shall be at an end and determine. The grantee shall record the said grant with the Local Agent during each year of the continuance of the same, and whilst it shall be in operation.

49. Twenty days' notice of the application shall be given by affixing the same to a post planted in some conspicuous part of the ground, and a copy thereof conspicuously upon the inner walls of the Land Office for the district, and any person may protest within such twenty days, but not afterwards, against such application being wholly or partially granted.

50. Every application for a grant of water exceeding 200 inches shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$25, which shall be refunded in case the

application is refused, but not otherwise.

- 51. Every such application shall state the names of the applicants, the name or description of the stream or lake to be diverted, the quantity of water to be taken, the locality for its distribution, and the price (if any) to be charged for the use of such water, and the time necessary for the completion of the ditch. The grant shall be in Form K in the schedule hereto.
- 52. Every grant of a water privilege on occupied creeks shall be subject to the rights of such miners as shall, at the time of such grant, be working on the stream above or below the ditch head, and of any other persons lawfully using such water for any purpose whatsoever

53. If, after the grant has been made, any miner or miners locate and bond fide work any mining claim below the ditch head, on any stream so diverted, he or they collectively shall be entitled to 40 inches of water if 200 inches be diverted, and 60 inches if 300 inches be diverted, and no more, except upon paying to the owner of the ditch, and all other persons interested therein, compensation equal to the amount of damage sustained by the diversion of such extra quantity of water as may be required; and, in computing such damage, the loss sustained by any claims using water therefrom, and all other reasonable losses, shall be considered.

54. No person shall be entitled to a grant of the water of any stream for the purpose of selling the water to present or future claim holders on any part of such stream. The Minister of the Interior may, however, grant such privileges as he may deem just, when such ditch is intended to work bench or hill claims fronting on any such stream, provided that the rights of miners then using the water so applied for be protected.

55. The Minister of the Interior may, on the report of the Local Agent that such action is desirable, order the enlargement or alteration of any ditch, and fix the compensation (if any) to be paid by parties to be bene-

fitted thereby.

56. Every owner of a ditch or water privilege shall take all reasonable means for utilizing the water granted to him; and, if he wilfully take and waste any unreasonable quantity of water, the Minister may, upon the report of the Local Agent, if such offence be persisted in, declare all rights to the water forfeited.

57. The owner of any ditch or water privilege may distribute the water to such persons and on such terms as he may deem advisable, within the limits mentioned in his grant; provided always that such owner shall be bound to supply water to all miners who make application therefor in a fair proportion, and shall not demand more from one person than from another, except where the difficulty of supply is enhanced.

58. Any person desiring to bridge any stream, claim, or other place, for any purpose, or to mine under or through any ditch or flume, or to carry water through or over any land already occupied, may in proper cases do so with the written sanction of the Local Agent. In all such cases, the right of the party first in possession is to prevail, so as to entitle

him to compensation if the same be just.

59. In measuring water in any ditch or sluice, the following rules shall be observed:—The water taken into a ditch or sluice shall be measured at the ditch or sluice head. No water shall be taken into a ditch or sluice except in a trough placed horizontally at the place at which the water enters it. One inch of water shall mean half the quantity that will pass through an orifice two inches high by one inch wide, with a constant head of seven inches above the upper side of the orifice.

60. Whenever it shall be intended, in forming or upholding any ditch; to enter upon and occupy any part of a registered claim, or to dig or loosen any earth or rock, within four feet of any ditch not belonging solely to the registered owner of such claim, three days' notice, in writing, of such intention shall be given before entering or approaching within four feet of

such other property.

61. Any person engaged in the construction of any road or work may, with the sanction of the Minister of the Interior, cross, divert, or otherwise

interfere with any ditch, water privilege, or other mining rights what-

soever, for such period as the Minister shall approve.

62. The Minister shall order what compensation for every such damage or interference shall be paid, and when, and to whom, and whether any and what works damaged or affected by such interference as aforesaid shall be replaced by flumes or otherwise repaired by the person or persons inflicting any such damage.

63. The owners of any ditch, water privilege, or mining right shall, at their own expense, construct, secure and maintain all culverts necessary for the passage of waste and superfluous water flowing through or over any

such ditch, water privilege or right.

64. The owners of any ditch or water privilege shall construct and secure the same in a proper and substantial manner, and maintain the same in good repair to the satisfaction of the Local Agent, and so that no damage shall occur to any road or work in its vicinity from any part of the works of such ditch, water privilege or right.

65. The owners of any ditch, we ter privilege or right shall be liable, and shall make good, in such manner as the Local Agent shall determine, all damages which may be occasioned by or through any parts of the works

of such ditch, water privilege, or right breaking or being imperfect.

66. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit the right of the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories in Council, or of the proper authority in any Province containing Dominion Lands, to lay out, from time to time, public roads across, through, along or under any ditch, water privilege or mining right, without compensation.

VI.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

INTERPRETATION.

67. In these Regulations, the following expressions shall have the following meanings respectively, unless inconsistent with the context:—

"Minister" shall mean the Minister of the Interior.

"Agent" or "Local Agent" shall mean the Agent of Dominion Lands for the district, or other officer appointed by the Government for the particular purpose referred to.

"Mineral" shall include all minerals whatsoever, other than coal.

"Close Season" shall mean the period of the year during which placer mining is generally suspended.

"Miner" shall mean a person holding a mining location or a grant for

placer mining.

- "Claim" shall mean the personal right of property in a placer mine or diggings during the time for which the grant of such mine or diggings is made.
- "Bar Diggings" shall mean any mine over which a river extends when in its flooded state.
- "Dry Diggings" shall mean any mine over which a river never extends.

The mines on benches shall be known as "Bench Diggings," and shall, for the purpose of defining the size of such claims, be excepted from "Dry Diggings."

"Streams and Ravines" shall include water-courses, whether usually containing water or not, and all rivers, creeks and gulches.

"Ditch" shall include a flume or race, or other artificial means for

conducting water by its own weight, to be used for mining purposes.

"Ditch Head" shall mean the point in a natural water-course or lake where water is first taken into a ditch.

"Claimant" shall mean a person who has obtained an entry for a

mining location with a view to patent.

"Placer Mining" shall mean the working of all forms of deposits, excepting veins of quartz or other rock in place.

"Quartz Mining" shall mean the working of veins of quartz or other

rock in place.

"Location" shall mean the land entered by or patented to any person for the purpose of quartz mining.

HEARING AND DECISION OF DISPUTES.

68. The Local Agent shall have power to hear and determine all disputes in regard to mining property arising within his district, subject to appeal by either of the parties to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands.

69. No particular forms of procedure shall be necessary, but the matter complained of must be properly expressed in writing, and a copy of the complaint shall be served on the opposite party not less than days before the hearing of the said complaint.

70. The complaint may, by leave of the Local Agent, be amended at

any time before or during the proceedings.

71. The complainant shall, at the time of filing his complaint, deposit therewith a bond-fee of \$10, which shall be returned to him if the complaint proves to have been well-founded, and not otherwise, except for special cause, by direction of the Minister of the Interior.

72. In the event of the decision of the Local Agent being made the subject of an appeal to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, the appellant shall, at the time of lodging the appeal, deposit with the Local Agent a bond-fee of \$10, which shall be returned to the said appellant if his appeal proves to have been well-founded, and not otherwise, except for special cause, by direction of the Minister of the Interior.

73. The appeal must be in writing and must be lodged with the Local Agent not more than three days after he has given his decision, and must state the grounds upon which the said decision is appealed from.

74. If the Commissioner of Dominion Lands decides that it is necessary to a proper decision of the matter in issue to have an investigation on the ground; or, in cases of disputed boundaries or measurements, to employ a surveyor to measure or survey the land in question, the expense of the inspection or re-measurement or re-survey, as the case may be, shall be borne by the litigants, who shall pay into the hands of the said Commissioner, in equal parts, such sum as he may think sufficient for the same, before it takes place; otherwise, it shall not proceed, and the party who refuses to pay such sum shall be adjudged in default. The said Commissioner shall subsequently decide in what proportion the said expense should be borne by the parties respectively, and the surplusage, if any, shall then be returned to the parties, as he may order.

75. All bond-fees adjudged as forfeited by the Local Agent or Commissioner, and all payments retained under the last preceding clause, shall, as soon as decision has been rendered, and all entry and other fees or moneys shall, as soon as they have been received by him, be paid by the said Agent or Commissioner to the credit of the Receiver-General in the same manner as other moneys received by him on account of Dominion Lands.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

76. The Agent in each district shall, under instructions from the Minister of the Interior, declare the close season in his district.

77. Each holder of a mining location or of a grant for placer mining shall be entitled to be absent from his mining location or diggings and to suspend work thereon during the close season.

78. The Local Agent shall have power to grant leave of absence to the holder of a mining location or grant for placer mining pending the decision

of any dispute in which he is concerned under these Regulations.

79. The Minister of the Interior shall, from time to time, as he may think fit, declare the boundaries of Mineral and Mining Districts, and shall cause a description of the same to be published in the Canada Gazette.

80. The Minister of the Interior may direct mineral and mining locations to be laid out within such Districts whereever, from report of the Director of the Geological Survey or from other information, he has reason to believe there are mineral deposits of economic value, and may sell the same to applicants therefor, who, in his opinion, are able and intend in good faith to work the same; or he may from time to time cause the said locations to be sold by public auction or tender. Such sales shall be for cash, and at prices in no case lower than those prescribed for locations sold to original discoverers, and shall otherwise be subject to all the provisions of these Regulations.

ROYALTY.

- 81. The patent for a mining or mineral location shall reserve to the Crown, for ever, a royalty of two and one-half per cent. on the sales of the products of all mines therein.
- 82. Returns shall be made by the grantee, sworn to by him, or by his agent or other employé in charge of the mine, at monthly or such other intervals as may be required by the Minister of the Interior, of all products of his mining location and of the price or amount he received for the same.

MISCELLANEOUS.

83. The Local Agent shall have the power to summarily order any mining works to be so carried on as not to interfere with or endanger the safety of the public, any public work or highway, or any mining property, mineral lands, mining claims, bed-rock drains or flumes; and any abandoned works may by his order be either filled up or guarded to his satisfaction, at the cost of the parties who may have constructed the same, or in their absence upon such terms as he shall think fit.

84. The Agent in each district, acting under instructions to be from time to time issued by the Minister of the Interior, shall cause to be laid out, at the expense of the person or persons applying for the same, a space of ground for deposits of leavings and deads from any tunnel, claim or mining ground.

FORFEITURE.

85. In the event of the breach of these Regulations or any of them by any person holding a grant or right of any description from the Crown, or from the Minister of the Interior, or from any duly authorized officer of Dominion Lands, such right or grant shall be absolutely forfeited *ipso facto*, and persons so offending shall be incapable thereafter of acquiring any such right or grant, unless for special cause otherwise decided by the Minister of the Interior.

SCHEDULE TO MINING REGULATIONS.

FORM A.—APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF DISCOVERER OF QUARTZ MINE.

I, (A.B.) of hereby apply under the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations, for a mining location in (here give general description of locality) for the purpose of mining for (here name the metal or mineral) and I hereby solemnly swear:—

1. That I have discovered therein a deposit of (here name

the metal or mineral).

2. That I am to the best of my knowledge and belief the first discoverer of the said deposit.

3. That I am unaware that the land is other than vacant Dominion

Land.

4. That I did, on the day of mark out on the ground, in accordance in every particular with the provisions of sub-section a of clause four of the said Mining Regulations, the location for which I make this application; and that in so doing I did not encroach on any mining location previously laid out by any other person.

5. That the said mining location contains, as nearly as I could measure or estimate, an area of acres, and that the description (and sketch, if any), of this date hereto attached, signed by me, set forth in detail to the best of my knowledge and ability its position, form, and dimensions.

6. That I make this application in good faith to acquire the land for the sole purpose of mining, to be prosecuted by myself or by myself and associates, or by my assigns.

(Signature.)

Sworn before me at

day of

this

FORM B.—RECEIPT FOR FEE PAID BY APPLICANT FOR MINING LOCATION.

No.....

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
DOMINION LANDS OFFICE,
Agency,

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RECEIVED from (A.B.) of five dollars, being the fee required by sub-section b of clause four of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations, accompanying his application No. , dated 18 for a mining location in (insert general description of locality).

This receipt authorizes the said (A. B.) his legal representatives or assigns, to enter into possession of the said mining location, and, during the term of one year from the date of this receipt, to take therefrom and dispose of any mineral deposit contained within its boundaries, and, on due compliance at any time within that period with the several requirements in that behalf of the said Mining Regulations, entitles him or them to purchase the said location, which provisionally, and until survey thereof, may be known and described as follows: (insert description in detail).

If the said (A. B.) or his legal representatives or assigns, fail to comply, as aforesaid, with the conditions that would entitle him or them to purchase within one year from this date, or, having so complied, do not within that time make payment in full for the land, and also pay the sum of fifty dollars prescribed in the said Regulations for the survey of the location, then the right to purchase shall lapse and the mining location shall revert to the Crown, to be otherwise disposed of as may be directed by the Minister of the Interior.

Agent of Dominion Lands.

FORM C.—RECEIPT FOR FEE ON EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PURCHASE OF A MINING LOCATION.

No.....

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
DOMINION LANDS OFFICE,
Agency,

18

RECEIVED from (A.B.) of five dollars, being the fee required by clause eight of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations, accompanying his application No. , dated 18 , for the extension of the time within which he may purchase the mining location described as follows: (insert description in detail) for which he obtained an entry No. on the

This receipt authorizes the said (A.B.) his legal representatives or assigns, to continue in possession of the said mining location, and, during the term of one year from the 18, to take therefrom and dispose of any mineral deposit contained within its bound-

aries, and, on due compliance at any time within that period with the several requirements in that behalf of the said Mining Regulations, entitles him or them to purchase the said location, which, provisionally, and until

survey thereof, may be known and described as above.

If the said (A.B.) or his legal representatives or assigns, fail to comply, as aforesaid, with the conditions that would entitle him or them to purchase within one year from this date, or, having so complied, do not within that time make payment in full for the land, and also pay the sum of fifty dollars prescribed in the said Regulations for the survey of the location, then the right to purchase shall lapse, and the mining location shall revert to the Crown, to be otherwise disposed of as may be directed by the Minister of the Interior.

Agent of Dominion Lands.

FORM D.—PATENT OF A MINING LOCATION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.—To all to whom these presents shall come,

GREETING:

KNOW YE that We do by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, in consideration of [the fulfilment of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations of Our Dominion of Canada] give and grant unto

h heirs and assigns, all that parcel or lot of land situate and numbered on the official plan or survey of the said , to have and to hold the said parcel of land, and all minerals, precious and base, which may be found therein, unto the said h heirs and assigns forever;

Provided, that it shall at all times be lawful for Us, Our heirs and successors, or for any person by Our authority, to resume any portion (not exceeding one-twentieth part) of the said lands for making roads, canals, bridges, towing paths, or other works of public utility or convenience, but no such resumption shall be made of land on which any permanent buildings

may have been erected, without compensation;

Provided, also, that it shall be lawful for any person duly authorized by Us, Our heirs and successors, to take and occupy such water privileges, and to have and enjoy such right of carrying water over, through or under any parts of the hereditaments hereby granted as may be reasonably required for agricultural or other purposes in the vicinity of the said land, upon paying therefor a reasonable compensation to the aforesaid heirs and assigns;

Provided further, that a royalty of two and one-half per cent. shall be paid to Us, Our heirs and successors, upon all the gold and silver produced from the said lands.

FORM E.—CERTIFICATE OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF A MINING LOCATION.

No.....

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
DOMINION LANDS OFFICE,
Agency, 18

This is to certify that (B.C.) of has filed an assignment in due form, dated 18, and accompanied by a registration fee of two dollars, of the right of (A.B.) of

to purchase the mining location in (here insert general description of locality) applied for by the said (A.B.) on the

This certificate entitles the said (B.C.) or his legal representatives or assigns, to all the rights and privileges of the said (A.B.), in respect of the claim assigned and hereinafter described; that is to say, to enter into possession of the said mining location, and during the term of one year from the date of the receipt No. granted to the said (A.B.), dated the

day of 18, to take therefrom and dispose of any mineral deposit contained within its boundaries, and on due compliance at any time within that period with the several requirements in that behalf of the said Mining Regulations, entitles him or them to purchase the said location, which provisionally, and until survey thereof, may be known and described as follows:—(Insert description in detail.)

If the said (B.C.) or his legal representatives or assigns, fail to comply as aforesaid with the conditions that would entitle him or them to purchase within one year of the date of the receipt granted to (A.B.), and now deposited with me, or having so complied, do not within that time make payment in full for the land, and also pay the sum of fifty dollars prescribed in the said Regulations for the survey of the location, then the right to purchase shall lapse, and the mining location shall revert to the Crown, to be otherwise disposed of, as may be directed by the Minister of the Interior.

Agent of Dominion Lands.

FORM F.—APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR PLACER MINING AND AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT.

I, (A.B.), of hereby apply, under the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations, for a grant of a claim for placer mining as defined in the said Regulations, in

(here describe locality)

and I solemnly swear:-

1. That I have discovered therein a deposit of (here name the metal or ineral).

2. That I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the first discoverer of the said deposit; or

2. That the said claim was previously granted to (here name the last grantee), but has remained unworked by the said grantee for not less than

3. That I am unaware that the land is other than vacant Dominion Land.

4. That I did, on the day of , mark out on the ground, in accordance in every particular with the provisions of sub-section a of clause four of the said Mining Regulations, the claim for which I make this application, and that in so doing I did not encroach on any other claim or mining location previously laid out by any other person.

5. That the said claim contains, as nearly as I could measure or estimate, an area of square feet, and that the description (and sketch, if any) of this date hereto attached, signed by me, set forth in detail, to the best of my knowledge and ability, its position, form and dimensions.

6. That I make this application in good faith to acquire the claim for the sole purpose of mining to be prosecuted by myself or by myself and associates, or by my assigns.

this day of (Signature,

FORM G.-GRANT FOR PLACER MINING.

No.....

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
DOMINION LANDS OFFICE,
Agency, 18

In consideration of the payment of five dollars, being the fee required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations, clauses four and twenty, by (A.B.) of ..., accompanying his application No..., dated ..., for a mining claim in (here insert description of locality),

The Minister of the Interior hereby grants to the said (A.B.), for the term of one year from the date hereof, the exclusive right of entry upon the claim (here describe in detail the claim granted) for the miner-like working thereof and the construction of a residence thereon, and the exclusive right to all the proceeds realized therefrom.

The said (A.B.) shall be entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his claim, and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall be necessary for the due working thereof, and to drain his claim free of charge.

This grant does not convey to the said (A.B.) any surface rights in the said claim, or any right of ownership in the soil covered by the said claim; and the said grant shall lapse and be forfeited unless the claim is continuously and in good faith worked by the said (A.B.)

or his associates or assigns.

The rights hereby granted are those laid down in the aforesaid Mining Regulations, and no more, and are subject to all the provisions of the said Regulations, whether the same are expressed herein or not.

Agent o' Dominion Lands.

FORM H.—CERTIFICATE OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PLACER MINING CLAIM.

No.....

This is to certify that

an assignment in due form dated

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, DOMINION LANDS OFFICE, Agency,

> has filed of 18 , and accom-

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panied by a registration fee of two dollars, of the grant to (A.B.) of the right to mine in (insert description of of claim) for one year from the 18

(B.C.)

This certificate entitles the said (B.C.)to all the rights and privileges of the said (A.B.) in respect of the claim assigned, that is to say, to the exclusive right of entry upon the said claim for the miner-like working thereof and the construction of a residence thereon, and the exclusive right to all the proceeds realized therefrom, for the remaining portion of the year for which the said claim was granted to the said (A.B.) , that is to say, until the

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(B.C.)

shall be entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his claim and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall be necessary for the due working

thereof, and to drain his claim free of charge. This grant does not convey to the said (B.C.) any surface rights in the said claim, or any right of ownership in the soil covered by the said claim; and the said grant shall lapse and be forfeited unless the claim is continuously and in good faith worked by the said

or his associates.

The rights hereby granted are those laid down in the aforesaid Mining Regulations, and no more, and are subject to all the provisions of the said Regulations, whether the same are expressed herein or not.

Agent of Dominion Lands.

FORM I.-GRANT TO A BED-ROCK FLUME COMPANY.

No.....

The said

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. DOMINION LANDS OFFICE. Agency.

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In consideration of the payment of a deposit of one hundred dollars, required by clause thirty-seven of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations to be made with the application of a Bed-rock Flume Company, and of the further sum of ten dollars, being the fee for registration of this grant required by clause forty-two of the said Regulations,

The Minister of the Interior hereby grants to (names of members of company) forming together a Bed-rock Flume Company [known as the (title of company), the following rights and privileges, that is to say:—

(a) The rights of way through and entry upon any new and unworked river, creek, gulch or ravine, and the exclusive right to locate and work a

strip of ground one hundred feet wide and two hundred feet long in the

bed thereof, to each individual of the company;

(b) The rights of way through and entry upon any river, creek, gulch or ravine, worked by miners for any period longer than two years prior to such entry, and already wholly or partially abandoned, and the exclusive right to stake out and work both the unworked and abandoned portions thereof, one hundred feet in width, and one quarter of a mile in length for each individual of the company;

(c) The rights of way through and entry upon all claims which, at the time of the notice of application, are in good faith being worked, for the purpose of cutting a channel and laying their flume therein, with such reasonable space for constructing, maintaining and repairing the flume as

may be necessary;

(d) The use of so much of the unappropriated water of the stream on which they may be located, and of other adjacent streams, as may be necessary for the use of their flumes, hydraulic power, and machinery to carry on their operation, and the right of way for ditches and flumes to convey the necessary water to their works, subject to the payment of any damage which may be done to other parties by running such ditch or flume through or over their ground;

Provided, that the rights herein granted shall apply only to such claims and streams as are here specified: (insert description of claims and streams) and such other claims and streams as may, after due notice and application, be subsequently added to the above list by the

Minister of the Interior, under the hand of the Local Agent;

Provided, also, that the said company shall pay to the Local Agent, in advance, an annual rent of ten dollars for each quarter of a mile of right of way legally held by them;

Provided, further, that this grant is subject to all the provisions of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations in that behalf, whether the same are

expressed herein or not.

This grant shall cease and determine at the expiration of year from the date hereof.

Agent of Dominion Lands.

FORM J.—GRANT FOR DRAINAGE.

No.....

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
DOMINION LANDS OFFICE,
Agency. 18

In consideration of the payment of a deposit of twenty-five dollars, required by clause forty-six of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations to be made with the application for a grant of right of way to construct drains, and of the further sum of dollars, being the fee for the registration of this grant required by clause forty-seven of the said Regulations.

The Minister of the Interior hereby grants to (name or names of grantee or grantees) the right to run a drain or tunnel for drainage purposes through the occupied mining lands here specified;

(here describe mining lands) and further, for a term of from the date hereof, exclusive rights of way through and entry upon the following mining grounds: (here insert description) for the purpose of constructing a drain or drains for the drainage thereof; and the right to charge the following tolls for the use thereof: (insert tariff of tolls);

Provided, that the grantee shall construct such drain or drains of sufficient size to meet all requirements within from the date hereof, and keep the same in thorough working order and repair, and free from all obstructions; and shall, within a reasonable time, construct proper tap drains from or into any adjacent claims, upon being requested by the owners thereof, and in default thereof shall permit such parties to make them themselves, in which case such parties shall only be chargeable with one-half the rates of drainage toll herein authorized;

Provided, also, that the said grantee shall compensate the owners of lands or holders of claims entered upon by for any damage they

may sustain by the construction of such funnel or drain;

Provided, further, that the said grantee shall pay to the Local Agent, in advance, an annual rent of ten dollars for each quarter of a mile of right

of way legally held by

Provided, further, that this grant is subject to all the provisions of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations in that behalf, whether the same are expressed herein or not.

Agent of Dominion Lands.

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FORM K.—GRANT OF RIGHT TO DIVERT WATER AND CONSTRUCT DITCHES.

No.....

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
DOMINION LANDS OFFICE,
Agency,

In consideration of the payment of a deposit of twenty-five dollars, required by clause fifty of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations, to be made with the application for the right to divert water and construct ditches.

The Minister of the Interior hereby grants to years from the date hereof, the right to divert and for the term of (specify stream or lake) use the water from to the extent of inches, and no more, to be distributed as follows:— (describe locality of distribution) together with the right to charge the following rates for the use of the said water:-(insert rates to be and the rights of way through and entry upon the followcharged) ing mining grounds (insert description) for the purpose of constructing ditches and flumes to convey such water, provided such ditches and flumes are constructed and in working order within from the date hereof;

Provided that this grant shall be deemed to be appurtenant to mining claim No.

, and shall cease and determine whenever the said

claim shall have been worked out or abandoned, or the occasion for the use of such water upon the said claim shall have permanently ceased;

Provided also, that this grant is subject to all the provisions of the Dominion Lands Mining Regulations in that behalf, whether the same are expressed herein or not.

Agent of Dominion Lands.

D. L. MACPHERSON.

Minister of the Interior.

A. M. Burgess,

Deputy of the

Minister of the Interior.