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Gold Mining Regulations.

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,
Crown Domain Branch.

Quebec, 22nd April, 1864.

THE following Gold Mining Regulations have been approved of by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, viz :

1. Gold mining shall be held to mean any mode of obtaining or collecting Gold from the natural deposits or rocks of the Country.

2. No person shall be allowed to work any Gold mine without a licence.

3. The rights of the Crown in respect to Gold shall be transferred by temporary licences.

4. No Royalty shall be exacted.

5. Gold mining licences shall be issued to the proprietor of any land, such licence to convey the right to work for the Gold on the lot; to be issued for lots of one hundred acres, or arpents, or less, as defined by the existing surveys and to remain in force for three months, subject to renewal, by new application and licence, (except in cases of change in ownership of land), on the same terms and at the same rate; conditional on future orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, or Legislative Enactments as respects Gold mines.

6. Applicants for a tract in unsurveyed territory must furnish a plan of survey and description of the land required, by a Provincial Land Surveyor, such tract not to comprise more than four hundred acres, and to be of the dimensions or proportion of forty chains by one hundred chains, bounded by lines running due North and South and East and West, or as near to these proportions as the configuration of the locality will admit. A separate licence to be taken for each 100 acres.

7. The number of persons authorized to be employed in mining for Gold shall be not less than five per licence, including all employed either directly or indirectly on the work, and the licences shall be issued on the payment of one dollar for each person so employed, subject to a further payment of one dollar for each additional person employed.

8. Monthly returns under oath must be made, to the Inspector of mines for the Division, of the persons employed, the amount of Gold extracted per day and any further information which His Excellency the Governor General in Council may direct.

9. Any increase in the number of persons to be employed under the licence must be notified to the Inspector of mines for the Division within ten days of such employment accompanied by payment of the additional fee.

10. In cases where a lot borders on a stream, not included therein, the licence will go to the middle thereof; where a stream crosses a lot the same will be comprised in the licence, subject in all cases to the public rights in navigable or floatable waters.

11. Parties holding licences shall have the right of transfer, provided such transfer be notified in writing to the Inspector of mines for the Division, and on payment of a fee of one dollar. Such transfer and payment shall be endorsed on the licence.

12. Purchasers or their assignees of Crown Lands sold and only partially paid for will be required to pay up in full before obtaining a licence, and applicants for licence on vacant Crown Lands will be required to purchase and pay up in full before receiving a licence.

13. Applications for licence must be made in writing to the Inspector of mines for the Division, detailing title, proof of which must be furnished to such Inspector.

14. Error or misrepresentation by applicant as to his right to, or ownership of the land, or failure to comply with all or any the present Regulations or future Orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council or Legislative Enactments having reference to Gold mines, to which the licences will be subject, shall entail immediate forfeiture of the licence.

These Regulations shall not apply to the Seignioriy of Rigaud & Audreuil.

It has also pleased His Excellency the Governor General to appoint the two following Gentlemen to be Gold Mining Inspectors for the Divisions, on the South

Shore of the St. Lawrence, below mentioned, viz :
CHARLES LEFÈVRE DE BELLEFVILLE, Esquire, for the Division to be called the *Chaudière Division*, to comprise the territory lying to the North-East of the line dividing the Counties of Nicolet, Arthabaska, Wolfe and Compton, from the Counties of Lotbinière, Mégantic and Beauce, (save the townships of Spaulding, Ditchfield, Clinton and Woburn, to be attached to the St. Francis Division, hereinafter mentioned;) whose office will be at St. Francois de la Beauce, and **DANIEL W. MACK**, Esquire, for the Division to be called the *St. Francis Division*, to comprise the territory lying to the South-West of the same line, with the four Townships above mentioned; whose office will be at Stanstead until further orders, to whom all mining applications, (as per printed form in their possession, and which they will supply to intending applicants,) are to be made.

The unsold Crown Lands in the following Townships are for the present hereby set apart for sale for Gold mining purposes, under the above Regulations, and will be disposed of to the first applicant, at two dollars per acre, payable cash in one sum, without settlement duties, viz :

CHAUDIÈRE DIVISION.

Jersey, Marlow, Risborough, Linière, Watford, Cranbourne, Frampton, S. W. parts of Buckland and Standon and Augmentation and Metgermette, in the Agency of Andrew Ross, Esquire, Office at Frampton.

Ware and Langevin, in the Agency of F. Ronleau, Esquire, Office at St. Claire.

Daaquari and Mailloux, in the Agency of S. V. Larue, Esquire, Office at St. Charles, Rivière Boyer. Bellechasse, Roux and N. E. part of Buckland, in the Agency of F. Lamontagne, Esquire, Office at St. Gervais.

Thetford, Broughton, Leeds, Inverness, Ireland, Halifax, Somerset and Nelson, in the Agency of John Hume, Esquire, Office at Leeds.

Price, Colrairie, Adstock, Tring, Lambton, Forsyth, Aylmer, Gayhurst and Shenley, in the Agency of Louis Labrecque, Esquire, Office at Lambton.

ST. FRANCIS DIVISION.

Winslow, Whitten, Hampden, Ditton, Woburn, Chesham, Marston, Clinton, Spaulding and Ditchfield, in the Agency of William Farwell, Esquire, Office at Robinson.

Stanstead, Barnston, Barford, Hereford and Gore, Auckland, Clifton, Compton, Hatley, Magog formerly Hatley, Orford, Ascott, Eaton, Newport, Westbury, Stoke, Brompton, Melbourne, Shipton, Cleveland, Windsor, Dudswell and Weedon, in the Agency of John Felton, Esquire, Office at Sherbrooke.

Potton, Sutton, Dunham, Stanbridge, Farnham, Granby, Shefford, Stukely, Ely, Roxton, Milton, Bolton, Brome and Magog formerly Bolton, in the Agency of A. J. Kemp, Esquire, Office at Waterloo.

Acton, Durham, Kingsey, Simpson, Wickham and part of Upton, in the Agency of the Honble. William Sheppard, Office at Wendover.

Wotton, Ham, South Ham, Wolfestown, Garthby and Stratford, in the Agency of J. T. LeBel, Esquire, Office at Wotton.

Warwick, Chester, Tingwick and Horton, in the Agency of Antoine Gagnon, Esquire, Office at St. Christophe d'Arthabaska.

Arthabaska, Bulstrode and Stanfold, for which there is at present no Agent; and applications to purchase in these townships must be made to this Department.

Applications made for purchase of lots since the sale in certain of the above townships was stayed, to be taken according to priority of date, at the above price, provided the same be renewed to the respective Crown Land Agents on or before the 20th day of May next; after said date in cases of simultaneous applications lots will be disposed of by the said Agents to the highest bidder over the upset price of two dollars per acre. Not more than 400 acres will be sold to any one person. All applications to be addressed to the Agents, those for unsurveyed tracts to be accompanied with required plan of survey and description, connecting the land surveyed with some known point of a previous Government survey.

ANDREW RUSSELL,
Asst. Com. of Crown Lands.