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REGULATIONS

For the issue of permits to mine Coal on Dominion Lands, for Domestic purposes only, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 9th day of February, 1897.

1. The following Regulations apply to coal mined on Dominion Lands for domestic purposes only.

2. The frontage of a coal mining location shall not exceed three chains in width measured in direct distance and the length thereof shall not exceed ten chains, nor shall it be less than five chains, except where the ground is covered by a prior location. Its boundaries beneath the surface shall be the vertical planes in which its surface boundaries lies.

3. The location shall be marked 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 it. If the ground is too rocky to admit of so driving such posts, the claimant shall build about each of them, to support and keep in place, a cairn or mound of stones, at least three feet in diameter at the base, and eighteen inches high. If the location be timbered, a line shall be run and well blazed joining the said posts. If it be not timbered, and the ground is of such a nature that any one post cannot be seen from the ends of either of the lines which form the angle at which the said post is placed, posts flattened at two sides (such flattened portions facing the directions of the line) shall be planted or mounded along the side lines wherever necessary so that no difficulty may be experienced by a subsequent prospector or explorer discovering or following the boundaries of any location. If the location be laid out with its boundaries due North and South and East and West, then the claimant shall mark on the post the North-east angle of the location, legibly with a cutting instrument or with coloured chalk, his name in full, the date of such marking, and the letters M.L. No. 1, to indicate that the post is Mining Location Post No. 1. Proceeding next to the South-easterly angle of the location, he shall mark the post planted there with letters M.L. No. 2, and his initials; next to the South-westerly angle of the location the post planted at which he will mark with the letters M.L. No. 3, and his initials, and lastly the North-westerly angle of the location, the post planted at which he shall mark with the letters M.L. No. 4, and his initials. If the location be laid out by other than due North and South and East and West lines, the first mentioned post shall be the one at the northerly angle; the second the one at the Easterly angle; the third the one at the Southerly angle, and the fourth the one at the Westerly angle; furthermore on the face 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 named and numbered, there shall be marked in figures the number of yards distant to the 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 said 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 with regard to corner posts, together with the letters W.P., and an indication of the bearing and distance of the site of the true corner from such witness post.

4. If the location is situated within territory where no surveys have been made, it shall be connected with some prominent feature in the locality, the connection to be shown on a sketch to be furnished by the claimant. If it is situated on the bank of a stream, the claimant shall show on the sketch the general course of the stream, any ravine running back from the same, and such other topographical features as are noticeable.

5. If the location is situated within territory which has not been subdivided, but where one or more township lines have been established, it shall be connected with some point on such established boundary.

6. Having so marked the location on the ground, the claimant shall within thirty days thereafter file with the Agent for the Land District within which the location is situated, an application for the same with a sketch showing its position, and if within a surveyed tract the quarter-section within which it is situated.

7. If within thirty days after staking a location the claimant has not made application to the Agent therefor, it shall be open to any other applicant who complies with the requirements of these Regulations.

8. Where two or more persons lay claim to the same location, the right to acquire it shall be in him who can prove that 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.

9. When there are two or more applicants for a location, no one of whom is the original discoverer, the Minister of the Interior, if he sees fit to dispose of the location, shall invite their competitive tenders.

10. A permit to mine coal on the location staked out will be issued upon payment of the annual rental of five dollars for any area less than one acre, and for an area of one acre or over, at the rate of five dollars an acre. Returns on a form to be furnished by the Department of the Interior shall be made by the

permittee every month to the Agent of Dominion Lands within whose district the location is situated, showing the quantity of coal mined, and payment shall at the same time be made of the royalty thereon at the following rates—namely, twenty cents per ton for anthracite coal, and fifteen cents per ton for bituminous coal, and ten cents per ton for lignite coal. Even if no coal has been mined during any one month, the permittee shall send in a return to that effect.

A declaration as to the truth of the return shall be made before a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner, or an Agent of Dominion Lands, but if the location is not situated within a radius of five miles of the place where such declaration can be taken, it will be sufficient if the permittee sends in an interim return of the coal mined during the month and pays the royalty thereon. In such case, the permittee shall every three months make a declaration before a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner, or an Agent of Dominion Lands as to the accuracy of such returns for the next preceding period of three months and send it to the Agent of Dominion Lands.

11. A permit may, in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior, be renewed from year to year so long as the land described therein is vested in the Crown, provided the permittee has complied with all the requirements of these Regulations, and is operating his mine to the satisfaction of the Minister.

If at any time during the period the permit is in force the permittee desires to cease operations on his claim, he may do so on making to the Agent of Dominion Lands a return of all coal mined between the date of his last return and the date upon which he ceased operations, paying the amount for royalty and ground rent, and returning the permit issued to him.

12. The permit while it remains in force shall give to the permittee sole and undisputed possession of the location therein described. In case the applicant for a permit is the owner of the surface rights of the location, no ground rent therefor shall be charged. If the surface of the location is not the property of the Crown, and the permittee desires an easement to the mine, it will be necessary for him to acquire it in accordance with the provisions in that behalf of the Regulations for the disposal of coal lands approved by Orders in Council of the 17th September, 1889, and the 9th of July, 1892.

13. The permit shall be returned to the Agent on the date specified therein.

14. No permit shall be issued to mine coal on lands which are not situated on lands within territory designated from time to time by the Minister of the Interior as a Coal Mining District for the purposes of these Regulations.

15. If a permittee fails to comply with the requirements of any of the provisions of these Regulations, the permit may be forfeited by the Minister of the Interior.