

iron, copper, lead, &c., were retained for a source of revenue to the Crown. In this connection the rates of royalties paid are :—

On the gross amount of gold obtained by amalgamation or otherwise in the mill of a licensed mill-owner, a royalty of two per cent.

On coal, seven and a half cents on every ton of two thousand two hundred and forty pounds of coal sold or removed from the mine.

On copper, four cents per unit.

On lead, two cents per unit.

On iron, five cents on every ton of two thousand two hundred and forty pounds of ore solid or smelted.

Tin and precious stones, five per cent of their value.

The Act of Settlement releases to the owner of the soil all gypsum, limestones, fireclay, barytes, manganese, antimony, etc., and any of the reserved minerals whenever the reservation is not specified in the original grants.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Surveyor-General, Fredericton, N.B.

It is estimated that there are about 7,800,000 acres of ungranted land in this province. Ten years ago the free grant system of settlement was introduced, and it was found a great success.

Crown lands may be acquired as follows :—

(1.) Free grants of 100 acres, by settlers over 18 years of age, on condition of improving the land to the extent of \$20 (£4) within three months; building a house 16 by 20 feet, and cultivating 2 acres within one year; and continuous residence and cultivation of 10 acres within three years.

(2.) One hundred acres are given to any settler over 18 years of age who pays \$20 (£4) in cash, or does work on the public roads, etc., equal to \$10 (£2) per annum for three years. Within two years a house 16 feet by 20 feet must be built and 2 acres of land cleared. Continuous residence for three years from date of entry, and 10 acres cultivated in that time, are required.

(3.) Single applications may be made for not more than 200 acres of Crown lands without conditions of settlement. These are put up to public auction at an upset price of \$1.00 (4s. 2d.) per acre. Purchase money to be paid at once. Cost of survey to be paid by purchaser.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C.

Any person being the head of a family, a widow or a single man over 18 years of age, and a British subject, or an alien purposing to become a British subject, can pre-empt 160 acres of land belonging to