

shall be entitled to purchase the land at \$5 an acre, in one payment, at time of sale.

Before the lease is issued a survey must have been made by the applicant; besides the 10 cents' rent a royalty of 5 cents a ton on coal, and one cent a barrel on petroleum must be paid; the lessee must be bound to carry on coal-mining continuously. Any number of persons, not exceeding ten, may work in partnership on adjoining lands, when it shall not be necessary to work each leasehold separately, provided work on one is done to the satisfaction of the Chief Commissioner.

(Cons. Act, 1888, Chap. 88, and amending Acts, 1890, Chap. 32, 1892, Chap. 31, and 1895, Chap. 37.)

Proprietors of coal mines may acquire such portion of any Crown Lands, or lands held under pre-emption or Crown grants or lease or license, as may be necessary for a right of way to the sea shore, a river or public highway, together with a block not exceeding 5 acres on the shore, river or highway. Minerals are not to be conferred by the conveyance without the consent of the grantor. Compensation shall be paid by agreement or arbitration. (Cons. Acts, 1888, Chap. 83, and amending Act, 1890, Chap. 32.)

945. *Regulation of Coal Mines.*—No boy under twelve, no woman or girl of any age and no Chinaman shall be employed under ground in coal mines.

Boys from thirteen to fourteen shall only be employed under ground in exceptional circumstances to be allowed by the Minister of Mines.

There are various other regulations as to the employment of young persons.

No wages shall be paid to employees of a coal mine in a public house or contiguous office or place.

Coal getters must be paid by weight, unless exception is allowed by the Minister of Mines; and a check weigher may be appointed by them.

There are a number of regulations to secure safety. (Cons. Acts, 1888, Chap. 84; amending Acts, 1880, Chap. 33; 1894, Chap. 5; and 1895, Chap. 38).

946. *Mining, other than Coal.*—Persons over 18 years of age and joint stock companies may become "Free Miners" on taking out certificates (which are not transferable) for one or more years, on payment of \$5 a year.

Every person or joint stock company mining (except for coal) must take out a free miner's certificate, under penalty of \$25. Owners and contractors shall pay the free miners' fees of their employees, deducting amount from them and giving a list to the Mining Recorder, under penalty of \$100.

No person unless he has an unexpired free miner's certificate can hold any mineral claim, minerals or mining property.

Free miners may prospect and mine (except for coal) upon any Crown lands or lands where minerals are reserved to the Crown; provided they may not locate or mine on land uncovered by hydraulic mining works for six months; and provided they must give security for damages to any occupier.

Free miners may cut timber necessary for their mining upon Crown lands, even if covered by timber, lease or reserved; and they may kill game for their own use at any time.