

Lands containing anthracite coal may be sold at an upset price of \$20 per acre cash, and coal other than anthracite at an upset price of \$10 per acre cash. Not more than 320 acres can be sold to one applicant. The Minister of the Interior has power to grant permission to prospect for coal for a period of 60 days, such permission to cover an area of 320 acres.

The regulations governing the disposal of mineral lands other than coal apply to Manitoba and the North-west Territories, and relate to Dominion lands containing gold, silver, cinnabar, lead, tin, copper, iron, or other mineral deposit of economic value.

No mining location or mining claim is granted until actual discovery of the deposit within the limits of the location or claim.

A location for mining, except for iron and mica on veins, lodes or ledges of quartz or other rock in place, must not be of larger dimensions than 1,500 feet in length and 600 in breadth. After marking out the ground in the manner prescribed, the claimant must, within 60 days thereafter, file with the agent of the Dominion Lands office for the district a sworn declaration setting forth the circumstances of his discovery and describing the locality and dimensions of his claim, paying in the sum of \$5 as an entry fee. He obtains from the agent a receipt, which is his authority to enter into possession on the location for the next five years, and to take and dispose of any mineral deposit contained therein, provided that during each of the five years he expends in actual mining operations at least \$100; which fact being sufficiently proved to the agent of Dominion Lands, and a fee of \$5 in each year being paid, shall entitle the miner to work the location for another year. At any time before the expiry of the five years the claimant is entitled, on proof of having expended at least \$500 in operations, to purchase the location at the rate of \$5 per acre cash, and the further deposit with the agent of \$50 to cover the cost of survey. Forfeiture is evoked by non-compliance during the five years with the regulations respecting annual expenditure.

A location for the mining of iron or mica must not be more than 160 acres in extent.

In the case of placer claims the size is as under:—

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.

For dry diggings and bench claims 100 feet square. Creek and river claims are 100 feet long and extend in width from base to base of the hill or bench on each side.*

If any person (or persons) discovers a new mine and establishes the fact to the satisfaction of the agent, claims of the following size in dry, bar, bench, creek or hill digging are allowed:—

To one discoverer, 300 feet in length; to a party of two, 600 feet; of three, 800 feet, and of four, 1,000 feet.

The following regulations governing placer mining on the Yukon River and its tributaries have been adopted recently by the Privy Council:—

Claims may be 100 feet long. Entry shall be granted only for alternate claims. An entry fee of \$15 shall be charged for the first year and \$15 for each of the following years.

For placer claims in the remainder of the country, with the exception of the North Saskatchewan River, the fee is \$5.00.