

reverting to the Crown. The Minister of the Interior may also grant 160 acres for copper mining in the Yukon territory.

The patent for a mining location reserves forever whatever royalty may hereafter be imposed on the sales, such royalty to be collected on sales made prior to issue of patent.

PLACER MINING—YUKON TERRITORY.

Claims are creek, gulch, river and hill claims. Two hundred and fifty feet in length in the general direction of the creek or river, and from 100 to 2,000 feet wide according to ground.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end. Entry must be obtained within ten days if within ten miles of Mining Recorder's office. One extra day allowed for every additional ten or fraction. If the claims exceeds 100 miles from a Recorder's office, the same rule applies as in the quartz mining.

The person or company must hold a Free Miner's certificate.

Every alternate ten claims is reserved to the Crown.

The discoverer of a claim is entitled to 500 feet in length. If the party consists of two 1,000 feet, the rest ordinary claims only.

Entry fee \$15. A royalty of 10 per cent on the gross output of the gold mined. The sum of \$5,000 will be deducted from the gross annual output of the claim. The holder of a creek, gulch or river claim may within 60 days after staking, obtain entry for a hill claim adjoining it for the sum of \$100. This permission is also given to the holder of a creek, gulch or river claim who prior to January, 1898, obtained an entry therefor, provided the hill claim is available when an application is made. No miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim in a mining district, the boundaries of which shall be defined by the Mining Recorder; but the same miner may also hold a hill claim and any number of claims by purchase, and miners may unite to work their claims in common.

A claim shall be deemed to be abandoned when the same shall have remained unworked for three consecutive working days of 24 hours each, unless sickness or other reasonable cause be shown to the satisfaction of the Mining Recorder.

It shall not only be necessary for a person or company working a quartz or placer claim to hold a Free Miner's certificate, but every person in his, or its employment shall have a Free Miner' certificate unexpired.

The regulations in force for dredging in Manitoba and the North-west Territories provide that a free miner can obtain two leases of five miles each for a term of 20 years, renewable. The lessees right is confined to the submerged beds or bars of the river below water mark. The rental is \$10 per annum for each mile leased. The royalty to be paid is $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

In the Yukon Territory a free miner can obtain a lease of five miles of a river, but not more than six such leases can be given to one person or company. The rental is \$100 per annum for each mile of river leased. The royalty to be paid is 10 per cent on the output in excess of \$15,000 for each five miles of river leased. Other regulations are similar to those of the other Territories and Manitoba.