

DOMINION.

COAL.

The Dominion government have provided regulations for the disposal of coal lands the property of the Dominion in Manitoba and the North-west Territories. These regulations provide that locations of an area not exceeding 320 acres, may be reserved for an applicant for a period of sixty days to prospect for coal, on payment of a fee of \$10 and an expenditure in prospecting of \$2 a day. A location may be sold at the rate of \$10 per acre (cash), unless the coal is anthracite, in which case the price is \$20 per acre.

Settlers at a distance from coal mines worked by purchasers, may secure permits authorizing them to mine for domestic purposes, on payment of a royalty of 20 cents for anthracite and 15 cents for bituminous and 10 cents for lignite coal. The regulations provide that the location shall be marked on the ground, that the frontage shall not exceed three chains, and the length ten chains; that the applicant shall within thirty days after marking his location, file application with the agent, who is to issue a permit at the rate of \$5 an acre or fraction of an acre per annum.

In the Yukon territory all applications for coal lands are to be made to the Crown timber and land agent, who is empowered to sell such lands at \$40 an acre (cash) if the coal is anthracite, and \$20 for any other coal.

GOLD QUARTZ CLAIMS.

Persons of 18 years and over, and joint stock companies holding a free miner's certificate, may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate (non-transferable) is granted for one or more years not exceeding five on payment in advance of this fee. The fee for an individual is \$10, and to a joint stock company \$50 to \$100, according to capital.

[The holder of a free miner's certificate who has discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet, by marking it with two legal posts, one at each end, on the line of the lode or vein, and marking out the line between. Upon each post shall be marked the name of the claim, the person locating and date, and the number of feet lying to the right and left of line.

The claim shall be recorded with the Mining Recorder of the district within 15 days, if located within 10 miles of the office; one additional day allowed for every additional 10 miles or fraction. If a claim is more than 100 miles from a recorder's office and situated where other claims are being located, five free miners may appoint a Free Miner's Recorder; but if the latter fails within three months to notify the nearest Government Mining Recorder of his appointment, the claims will not hold good. Fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 per year must be expended on the claim, or paid to the Mining Recorder in lieu. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may upon having a survey made and upon complying with certain other requirements, purchase the land at \$5 per acre cash, but if the surface rights have already been disposed of at \$2 an acre.