

tion. (Cons. Acts, 1888, chap. 83; amendment Act, 1890, chap. 32, and chap. 137, Acts of 1897.)

Regulations of coal mines.—No boy under 12, no woman or girl of any age, and no Chinaman or Japanese shall be employed under ground in coal mines.

Boys from 13 to 14 years old shall be employed under ground in exceptional circumstances only 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 geters 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, 1890, chap. 33; 1894, chap. 5; 1895, chap. 38; and in 1897, chap. 138.)

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 year in case of joint stock companies, and for one or more years in case of individual miners.

Every person or joint stock company mining (except for coal) must take out a free miner's certificate.

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 land 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.

FEEES.

For every free miner's certificate issued to an individual.. \$5 00

For every free miner's certificate issued to a joint stock
company—

(a.) Having a nominal capital of \$100,000 or less..... 50 00

(b.) Having a nominal capital exceeding \$100,000.....100 00

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.

A free miner may locate a mineral claim measuring 1,500 feet square as nearly rectangular as possible, marking it by two posts, 1 and 2, on the line of the vein not more than 1,500 feet apart, or a fractional mineral claim can also be marked out. On No. 1 post of a mineral claim shall be written the name of the locator and the claim, the date, the compass bearing of No. 2 post and the number of feet (of the 1,500) lying to the right and left respectively of this line; these particulars are to be furnished also to the mining recorder. He must mark the line by blazing trees or post-planting, and place a post where he found rock 'in place,' and as near as possible to four corners of the claim. He is entitled to all minerals within the claim.