

and \$50,000) shall be carried to the credit of the bounty fund for the next succeeding half-year and may be paid out in such succeeding half-year in addition to the \$50,000 herinbefore provided.

5. The Governor in Council may make such rules and regulations, including regulations as to rates and charges for refining, as are deemed expedient in the public interest for carrying out the purposes of this Act, and all payments of bounty shall be subject to the due observance of such rules and regulations.

6. All bounties payable under this Act shall cease and determine on the 13th June, 1907.

7. The expression 'ton' in this Act means 2,000 pounds

NOTE.—For production of lead in Canada, see page 448.

## BRIEF RESUME OF THE MINING LAWS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA AND OF THE SEVERAL PROVINCES.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

In Nova Scotia the province reserves all its minerals and ores (excepting limestone, plaster and building material) and leases the land under rent and royalty for revenue purposes. The gold and silver leases are for terms of 40 years. Other minerals are leased for 80 years in four renewable terms of 20 years each.

The gold and silver areas are 250 by 150 feet, laid off with the shorter side running east and west. Any number of these areas up to 100 in one application can be secured under a license to prospect for 12 months on payment of 50 cents an area. During this period any number of the areas can be taken under lease, or the areas can be directly applied for under lease. The price of an area under lease is \$2, and thereafter an annual rental of 50 cents per area secures it from forfeiture for non-working. If an amount of work equivalent to 40 days per annum per area is performed on the lease, the rental for that year is refunded. A royalty is payable on all gold at the rate of 2 per cent, the gold being valued at \$19 an ounce smelted, and \$18 an ounce unsmelted, and at the rate of 2 per cent on the silver valued at \$1 per ounce.

In the case of the other minerals the payment of \$30 secures a license to search for 18 months over a tract of land 5 square miles in extent, and not exceeding 2½ miles in length.

All ores and minerals, other than gold or gold and silver, mined are subject to the following royalties :—

Coal.—10 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds of coal sold or removed from the mine or used in the manufacture of coke—royalty not demanded on coal used by the workmen or in any mining operations in and around the mine.

Copper.—4 cents upon every unit, i.e., upon every one per cent of copper contained in each and every ton of 2,352 pounds of copper ore sold or smelted.

Lead.—2 cents upon every unit.

Iron.—5 cents on every ton of 2,240 pounds of ore sold or smelted.

Tin and precious stones and any other minerals that may be reserved, 5 per cent on their values.