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the district, as well as published in the *Gazette* and in a local paper for the same length of time. Application must be made in writing to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, in duplicate, accompanied by plans of the land and a fee of \$100. A license may be issued for not more than 640 acres of land for one year, the said \$100 covering the first year's rental. All lands must be in a square block and run due north, south, east and west. At the expiration of the first year an extension may be granted for a second and third year. Land for which a license has been granted may be leased, upon proof being given of the discovery of coal, for five years at a rental of 15 cents per annum per acre; the lease also contains provision for a royalty of 5 cents per ton of coal and $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per barrel of petroleum. If the lessee is able to prove that he has worked the land continuously, he may, within three months of the expiration of his lease, purchase the land at \$5 per acre.

MINING RECORDERS IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

Where mineral is discovered in a part of the province remote from Mining Recorders' offices, so that the provisions of the Act cannot be justly enforced, the miners themselves may, by a two-thirds vote at a meeting for that purpose, appoint a Mining Recorder from among themselves. Such Recorder can issue free miner's certificates, records of mining property, &c., and such entries will be valid notwithstanding any informality. Under the Act such Mining Recorder shall, as soon as possible, forward a list of the free miner's certificates issued by him, and of records made, to the nearest Gold Commissioner, or Mining Recorder, together with the fees required by law therefor.

TABLE OF FEES.

Individual Free Miner's Certificate	\$ 5	00
Company Free Miner's Certificate (Capital, \$100,000 or		
less)	50	00
Company Free Miner's Certificate (Capital, over \$100,000)	100	00
Recording Mineral or Placer Claim.	2	50
Recording Certificate of Work, Mineral Claim	2	50
Re-record of Placer Claim	2	50
Recording Lay-over	2	50
Recording Abandonment, Mineral Claim	10	00
Recording Abandonment, Placer Claim	2	50
Recording any Affidavit under three folios	2	50
Per folio over three, in addition		30
Records in 'Record of Conveyances,' same as Affidavits.		
Filing Documents	1	00
For Crown grant under 'Mineral Act'	25	00
For every lease under 'Placer Mining Act'	5	00

Full information, together with Mining Reports and Maps, may be obtained from the Agent-General for British Columbia, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C., or by addressing the Hon. the Minister of Mines, Victoria, B.C., Canada.

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