

The Governor in Council empowered under 56 Vic., Cap. X, Sec. 14, whenever deemed necessary, not to impose royalties for ten years from date of lease.

Applications can be filed at the Crown Land Office each week day, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., except Saturday, when office closes at 1 p.m.

Also, that Manganese leases, for tracts not exceeding one square mile, be granted to the owner of the soil for a period of ten years, on payment of an annual rental, in advance, of twenty-five dollars.

Before a lease is granted, a survey of the land applied for must be made, and a return thereof forwarded to this office.

## DOMINION.

### COAL.

The Dominion Government have provided regulations (Order in Council dated May 19, 1902) for the disposal of coal lands the property of the Dominion in Manitoba, the North-west Territories, and within a portion of the province of British Columbia. These regulations provide that locations of an area not exceeding 320 acres may be sold at the rate of \$10 per acre, unless the coal is anthracite, in which case the price is \$20 per acre.

If the surface rights of the land are not the property of the Crown the coal-mining rights thereunder may be reserved for the applicant to prospect thereon, upon payment of a fee of \$10 and upon obtaining permission from the owner of the surface rights to enter upon the land.

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 a rental 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 \$20 an acre, if the coal is anthracite, and \$10 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 the prescribed fee. The fee for an individual is \$7.50, 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 name of the person locating and date, and the number of feet lying to the right and left of line, shall be added to Post No. 1.

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