

CHAPTER XIV.—MINES AND MINERALS*

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A short historical outline of the development of the mineral industry in Canada is given at pp. 309-310 of the 1939 Year Book and a special article on the Development of Canada's Mineral Resources in Relation to the War Effort, so far as that development had taken place by the middle of 1940, appears at pp. 289-309 of the 1940 edition. An article on the Outlook for the Mineral Industry in Relation to the Economic Development of Canada is given at pp. 302-314 of the 1946 edition.

Section 1.—Mining Laws and Government Controls

Subsection 1.—Mining Legislation

The mineral lands of Canada, like other Crown lands, are administered by either the Federal or the Provincial Governments. The Federal Government administers the mineral lands of Yukon and the Northwest Territories as well as those in Indian Reserves and in National Parks; all other mineral lands lying within the boundaries of the several provinces are administered by the respective Provincial Governments.

Mining Laws and Regulations on Dominion Lands.†—Dominion lands to which these regulations apply are those administered by the Lands and Development Services Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, and lie within Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Titles issued for Dominion lands, the property of the Federal Government, in these Territories reserve to the Crown the mines and minerals that may be found on or under such lands, together with the right of operation.

The Acts and regulations governing mining and quarrying on Dominion lands are: *Yukon and the Northwest Territories*—Coal Mining Regulations; Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulations (which provide that no person shall explore for petroleum or natural gas in Yukon or the Northwest Territories without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Minister of Mines and Resources); and Domestic Coal Permits. *Yukon*—Yukon Placer Mining Act (R.S.C., 1927, c. 216); Yukon Quartz Mining Act (R.S.C., 1927, c. 217); Dredging Regulations. *Northwest Territories*—Quartz Mining Regulations; Placer Mining Regulations; Dredging Regulations; Quarrying Regulations; and Permits to remove sand, stone and gravel from beds of rivers.

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