



CHAPTER 26

An Act to amend the Quebec Mining Act

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1929]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 13 of the Quebec Mining Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 80), as amended by the act 16 George V, chapter 27, section 3, is again amended by replacing the words: "following costs of operation and expenses", in the third line of the second paragraph thereof, by the words: "costs of operation and expenses incurred during the year in question, to wit:".

2. Section 37 of the said act is amended by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following words: "Nevertheless, if superior metals be in question, the Minister may require a certified report from a qualified engineer, describing the nature and extent of the mineralization.".

3. Section 42 of the said act is amended by adding thereto, after the word: "acre", in the seventh line of the first paragraph thereof, the words: "; such tax shall take effect from the first of January following the year in which the delay of two years fixed by section 41 shall have terminated, and shall be" .

4. Section 58 of the said act, as amended by the acts 16 George V, chapter 27, section 13, and 18 George V, chapter 32, section 7, is replaced by the following:

"58. Every holder of a claim must, within a delay of twelve months from the date marked on the stakes, obtain a mining license in accordance with sections 60 and follow-

ing, on pain of forfeiture of all rights and privileges. The delay shall, however, be twenty-four months when claims, situated one hundred miles or over, in a straight line, from a railway, are concerned.

Application formalities.

The application to that effect must be accompanied,—

1. by the amount of the fee and rental;
2. by the number of the claim or any other satisfactory description of the lot marked out on the ground;
3. by a sworn declaration attesting the prospecting or development work done on the claim since its staking.

Prospecting, etc.

Such prospecting or development must be equivalent to at least twenty-five days of eight hours each on each forty acres or fraction of forty acres. Nevertheless, on each claim or fraction thereof having an area of less than twenty acres, work equivalent to twelve days of eight hours each shall suffice.

When claim is situated one hundred miles from a railway.

When claims situated at or over one hundred miles from a railway are concerned, the work which the claim-holder has to do or cause to be done within the twenty-four months granted to him must be equivalent to fifty days of eight hours each on each forty acres or fraction of forty acres having an area of twenty acres or more, and to twenty-five days of eight hours each on each fraction of forty acres having an area of less than twenty acres; and at least one half of such work must be done in the first twelve months.

Forfeiture.

If the holder of a claim fails to establish to the satisfaction of the Minister, at the expiry of the first twelve months, that he has complied with the provisions of this act, he shall forfeit all rights and privileges, unless, however, he obtains a mining license on payment of a supplementary rental in accordance with section 61.

Inscription.

After the issuing of the mining license, the inscription on stake No. one (1) of each claim shall be altered and shall contain the name of the licensee, the number of the license and, in large letters, the initials P. E. or M. L."

R. S., c. 80, s. 61, am.

5. Section 61 of the said act, as amended by the acts 16 George V, chapter 27, section 14, and 18 George V, chapter 32, section 8, is again amended by replacing the words: "that prospecting or development work equivalent to twenty-five days of eight hours each on each forty acres or portion of forty acres, having an area of twenty acres or more, and to twelve days of eight hours each on each portion of forty acres having an area of less than twenty acres, has been done during the current year", in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh lines of subsection 4 thereof, by the words: "of all pros-

pecting or development work done during the current year. Such work must be equivalent to at least twenty-five days of eight hours each on each forty acres or portion of forty acres having an area of twenty acres or more, and to twelve days of eight hours each on each portion of forty acres having an area of less than twenty acres.”.

6. Section 94 of the said act is amended:

R.S., c. 80,
s. 94, am.

a. By striking out the word: “and”, in the seventh line thereof;

b. By inserting therein, after the word: “employed”, in the seventh line thereof, the words: “and the total amount of wages and salaries paid”.

7. Section 113 of the said act, as amended by the act 16 George V, chapter 14, section 25, is amended by inserting therein, after the word: “inspectors”, in the third line thereof, the word: “geologists”.

Id., s. 113,
am.

8. The said act is amended by inserting therein, after section 114 thereof, the following section:

Id., s. 114a,
added.

“**114a.** Every geologist must hold a university degree obtained after special study in geology and mineralogy.”

Qualifica-
tions of geo-
logist.

9. Section 126 of the said act is replaced by the following:

R. S., c. 80,
s. 126, re-
placed.

“**126.** Every inspector, geologist, constable or peace officer may, at any time, enter, with their assistants, upon any private or public lands in order to therein carry out their duties and perform the work assigned to them, and may require from the claim-holder, licensee or owner of the land, and from their employees, all the facilities and assistance necessary for that purpose.”

Entry upon
lands.

10. Section 176 of the said act is replaced by the following:

R. S., c. 80,
s. 176, re-
placed.

“**176.** For the purpose of aiding and promoting the development of the mining industry in the Province, the Minister may create, in the mines branch, a geological and mineralogical body whose duties shall be:

Geological
and mineral-
ogical body.

a. To make explorations in and study of the ground in order to draw up geological and mineralogical surveys;

Duties.

b. To publish geological and mineralogical maps and reports in order to make public the results of such work.”

11. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

Coming into
force.