

chase of seed grain or seeds which may be needed by the ratepayers of such rural municipality or such territory not erected into a local municipality or whose council is not yet organized, as the case may be.

2. The ratepayers who benefit by the distribution of such seed grain or seeds shall be bound to repay to the municipality making such distribution, the proportion of the price thereof represented by the quantity of seed grain or seeds received by each ratepayer as his share respectively. Ratepayers who benefit must repay.

Such repayment shall be made according to the terms and conditions fixed by the council. Terms and conditions.

3. The general or special laws governing the borrowing power of a municipality to which this act may be applicable, shall not apply to the loans contracted in virtue thereof; and the said loans shall not in any way affect the limit of the borrowing power of such municipality. Loans to be Special loans.

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

CHAP. 35

An Act to amend the Quebec Mining Law, and to repeal certain provisions relating to natural gas companies.

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

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

1. Paragraph 2 of article 2098a of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 1 George V (1st session), chapter 17, section 2, is amended by replacing the words: "and the mining licenses for such minerals are not renewable," in the fourth and fifth lines thereof, by the words: "and to the provisions of articles 2212 to 2215 inclusively, relating to the protection of workmen". R. S. 2098a, am.

2. The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after article 2111 thereof, a new article, as follows: R. S. 2111a, enacted.

"2111a. No one shall, without the permission of the Certain lands

not to be minister, stake, mark, occupy or acquire, as mining lands, staked with- of which the mining rights belong to the Crown: out consent of Minister.

a. Lands set aside by the Crown as village or town lots;

b. Lands subdivided into building lots, and entered as such by the proprietor on the official plan and book of reference;

c. Lands lying within the boundaries of a city or town duly incorporated as a municipality."

R. S. 2134,
am.

3. Article 2134 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as replaced by the act 1 George V (2nd session), chapter 23, section 7, and amended by the act 4 George V, chapter 20, section 5, is further amended by replacing the word: "year", in the fourth line of the second paragraph of paragraph 4 thereof, by the word: "years".

R. S. 2137a
2137b &
2137c
enacted.

4. The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after article 2137 thereof, new articles, as follows:

Conditions
on which
certain lands
may be
staked.

"2137a. Lands containing combustible natural gas, mineral oil or naphtha, may be staked or placed under a license either ordinary or for a long term, upon the conditions hereinafter set forth:

1. No staking or license shall cover more than 1280 acres;

2. In surveyed territory the area staked out or covered by a license shall consist of whole lots or regular fractions of lots; in unsurveyed territory, such area shall form a rectangle, but, in either case, the width of the claim shall not be less than one-half its length;

3. The holder of a miner's certificate who wishes to obtain an ordinary license, must:

a. Produce an accurate description and a regular survey plan of the ground applied for;

b. Pay the sum of \$10.00, as a fee, and an annual rental of ten cents per acre;

4. Such license is valid for one year only, and is renewable once only on the same conditions;

Special long
term license.

5. At the expiration of the renewal or of the original license, on proof of the discovery of combustible gas or of naphtha in appreciable quantity, the holder must provide himself with a special or long term license covering a period of ten years, at an annual rental of twenty-five cents per acre, payable in advance. This latter license is renewable by ten year periods, as long as the mining lasts, and upon payment of the same rental of twenty-five cents in advance.

"2137b. The staking out for marking a claim, or the issue of an ordinary or long term license, shall be effected in accordance with the formalities prescribed by the foregoing article 2126, and with the same effect, except that the direction given the side lines is optional, and the inscriptions are repeated on each of the stakes, with a mention, moreover, of the length and direction of the lines, and that the staking is done with a view to prospecting for gas and petroleum. Formalities under long term license.

"2137c. No renewal of an ordinary license, or issue of a long term license, shall be granted, unless it be established, by affidavit at least, that work has been done to the value of \$1.00 per acre, for every acre under license. Work required to be done.

If the holder of a long term license ceases to bore or mine in the area covered by the license for a year, or does not continue doing so in good faith, the license may be cancelled after a notice of three months, during which period the holder may resume work at the discretion of the Minister." License may be cancelled for non-user.

5. Article 2212 of the Revised Statutes 1909, is amended by replacing the words: "or near a mine," in the second line of paragraph 4 thereof, by the words: "a mine, a mill, or works where ores are treated,". R. S. 2212, am.

6. Section ninth of chapter third of title eleventh of the Revised Statutes, 1909, (articles 6239 to 6244, inclusive) is repealed. Provisions repealed.

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

CHAP. 36

An Act to amend the Education Act

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

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

1. Article 2536 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended by adding thereto two new paragraphs, as follows; R. S. 2536, am.

"The Superintendent, or the person so delegated, possesses, in addition, the powers conferred upon him by article 594. Powers of Superintendent.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may also, whenever Provisions