

“ Such permit may be granted for territories under timber license, but only for lots whereon there is no appreciable quantity of merchantable timber. The wood shall not be thereafter cut under such permit except at the place or places designated by the Minister of Lands and Forests. Farmers, in the discretion of the Minister, and settlers, shall alone have a right to this permit.”

Territories in which permits may be granted, &c.

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

Coming into force.

CHAP. 18

An Act to amend the Quebec Mining Law

[Assented to 14th March, 1907.]

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

1. Article 1425 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, and replaced by the act 1 Edward VII, chapter 13, section 1, is amended by adding the following paragraph thereto ;

R. S. Q., 1425, replaced.

“ If while one of the mines so abandoned is being worked, gold or silver is discovered in workable quantities, the proprietor working the same, may, within three months after being put in default so to do by the Department, obtain the grant thereof in preference to any other person, for the ordinary price of superior metal.”

Option to acquire mines where gold or silver found, &c.

2. Article 1431 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, is amended by adding the following paragraph thereto :

R. S. Q., 1431, amended.

“ It shall, nevertheless, be lawful for the Minister to sell to another person the mines of superior metals that may be found in the same lots, if the proprietors of mines of inferior metals refuse to avail themselves of their right, after having been put in default to do so.”

Superior metals when sold to other persons.

3. Article 1436 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, is replaced by the following :

R. S. Q., 1436, replaced.

“ **1436.** Mining concessions shall comprise, in addition to the ordinary allowance of five per cent for highways :

Extent of mining concessions.

- In territories not subdivided. (1) In territories not subdivided, an area varying from one hundred to four hundred acres, by sections of one hundred acres separated from each other, or forming in the aggregate one hundred, two hundred, three hundred or four hundred acres ; each section to measure thirteen chains in width, by eighty chains and eighty links in depth.
- In townships, seigniories, &c. (2) In townships surveyed and subdivided, and in seigniories, an area varying from one to four lots taken separately or forming a single parcel of land, as described in the plans of surveys, or the cadastral plans, as the case may be ; each concession not to exceed four hundred acres nor to contain portions of lots ; subject to the powers conferred upon the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council by article 1443.
- Small islands, &c. Small islands or islets, or beach, or deep water lots, and residues of lots parts of which have already been appropriated for mining purposes, shall be sold without warranty of their precise contents."

R. S. Q., 1442, replaced. **4.** Article 1442 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, is replaced by the following :

Sale of mining lands, &c. **"1442.** Every proprietor of mining lands, as well as every holder of a prospecting or mining license within the meaning of paragraph nine of this section, may sell, assign, convey, or alienate his rights as proprietor or license holder, by delivering an authentic copy or a duplicate of such sale, assignment, transfer or alienation to the Minister, who shall, upon payment of a fee of ten dollars, summarily register the same in a special register.

Registration necessary. Every sale, concession or transfer not so registered, shall be null as regards the Crown.

Delay for same. Subsequent registration. The registration shall be effected within thirty days at the diligence of one of the parties interested. Any registration subsequent thereto shall be valid, but only as regards subsequent transactions."

R. S. Q., 1443, replaced. **5.** Article 1443 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, is replaced by the following :

Limit of sale to one person. **"1443.** No sale of mining concessions forming more than four hundred acres, shall be made in the same year, to one person, within a radius of one hundred miles.

Exception. The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may, nevertheless, assign to such person, upon sufficient proof of his means and capital, a greater extent of land, not exceeding one thousand acres."

6. Article 1444 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the R. S. Q., 1444, act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, and amended by repealed. the act 2 Edward VII, chapter 15, section 2, is repealed.

7. Article 1451 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the R. S. Q., act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, is amended by 1451, amended. adding, after the word "spend", in the fifth line, the words: "for every section or lot of one hundred acres."

8. Article 1453 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the R. S. Q., act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, is amended by 1453, amended. adding the following paragraphs after paragraph *b* ;

"No prospecting license shall be granted to the same person, covering more than twenty-five square miles in unurveyed territories, or more than thirty lots of one hundred acres in subdivided territories, within a radius of one hundred miles. The holder who shall have transferred his license wholly or partially may obtain another for an extent equal to the part transferred. What prospecting license to cover. Transfer of same.

The licenses now in force shall nevertheless be renewable in the discretion of the Minister, until the first day of January, 1908, whatever may be the extent and situation of the lands covered by them. When renewable.

9. Article 1456 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, and replaced by the act 1 Edward VII, chapter 13, section 3, is amended by adding the following paragraph thereto: R. S. Q., 1456, amended.

"A permit for the surplus extent of a territory adjoining a mining concession shall be void, from the date of such concession, if the latter contains the maximum extent that may be granted to the same person under article 1443; otherwise the license shall remain in force, but the right of the grantee or his representative to buy, shall extend to the remainder of such maximum only. Permit void for excess of maximum, &c.

10. Article 1580 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, is amended by replacing paragraph 2 by the following: R. S. Q., 1580, amended.

"2. To fix or change the prices, terms and conditions of prospecting and mining licenses, and fix or increase the price of mining concessions. Prices, &c., of licenses.

11. Articles 1457, 1494, 1495, 1496 and 1527 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 20, section 1, are repealed. R. S. Q., 1457, 1494-6, 1527, repealed.

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