RETURN

Of Regulations and Orders made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under section 150 of the "Placer Mining Act," and section 143 of the "Mineral Act."

J. FRED HUME,
Minister of Mines.

Department of Mines,
Victoria, 17th January, 1899.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA,
8th February, 1898.

PRESENT:

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, under the authority vested in him by section 161 of the "Mineral Act, 1896," and by and with the advice of His Executive Council, has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that an extension of time for a period of six months, to date from the 10th November, 1897, within which to perform the annual assessment work for the year 1897, be and is hereby granted in respect to the mineral claims known as the "Texada," "Leonard," "Europe," "Gladys C," "Great Copper Chief" and "Volunteer," situated on Texada Island, New Westminster District.

JAMES BAKER,
Clerk, Executive Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B. C.,
4th March, 1898.

PRESENT:

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

The Committee of Council has had under consideration the application of Mary Ann Laird, wife of Frederick C. Laird, of Barkerville, B.C., praying for relief from a possible forfeiture of her interest in the undermentioned mining property arising from the neglect of any of her predecessors in title to obtain a new Free Miner's Certificate on or before the day following the expiration of their certificates.

The applicant, who is the holder of a valid Free Miner's Certificate, No. 87,963, issued on the 17th June, 1897, did on the 11th day of May, 1897, duly acquire with the consent, in writing, of the Gold Commissioner, four certain mining leases of certain lands and mining ground situate in the valley of Willow River, in Cariboo District, B. C., to wit:—

1. Lease dated 27th April, 1893, duly filed as of record as No. 71, from John Bowron, Gold Commissioner, acting on behalf of Her Majesty, to Charles House, Robert N. Campbell, W. H. Phelps, Mrs. Mary Nason and George Cowan.

2. Lease dated 29th November, 1894, duly filed as of record as No. 76, from the said Gold Commissioner, acting on behalf of Her Majesty, to W. H. Phelps and P. F. McGregor.

3. Lease dated 28th August, 1895, duly filed as of record as No. 165, from the said Gold Commissioner, to William Blackwood.

4. Lease dated 6th March, 1895, duly filed as of record as No. 122, from the said Gold Commissioner, to T. H. Flynn, F. C. Laird, M. MacComish, H. E. Flynn, W. J. Kirkpatrick, Lorania A. Flynn and John Pinkerton.

All of which said leases have by divers assignments, duly made with the consent in writing of the said Gold Commissioner and recorded, been assigned and transferred, and are now vested in the said Mary Ann Laird.

And it appearing that of the applicant's predecessors in title the following persons neglected to renew their Free Miner's Certificates before the expiration of the same, viz :—

P. F. McGregor .....From 6th October, 1894, to 8th October, 1894, and from 8th October, 1895, to 10th October, 1895 :
T. H. Flynn .....From 31st October, 1895, to 5th November, 1895 :
W. J. Kirkpatrick ....From 11th June, 1895, to 17th June, 1895 ;
Mary A. Nason.....From 20th July, 1895, to 27th May, 1896, and from 26th April, 1893, to 20th July, 1894 :
George Cowan.....From 22nd June, 1894, to 28th January, 1895 :
R. N. Campbell .....From 5th August, 1893, to 18th September, 1895 :
H. E. Flynn.....From 31st October, 1895, to 5th November, 1895 :
M. MacComish .....From 27th August, 1895, to 4th November, 1895, and from 4th November, 1896, to 13th December, 1897 :
Lorania A. Flynn.....From 15th November, 1895, to 27th November, 1896 :
F. C. Laird .....From 21st May, 1895, to 26th June, 1895 :
W. Blackwood .....From 31st August, 1895, to 11th March, 1896 :
W. H. Phelps .....From 24th February, 1893, to 22nd August, 1893, and from 22nd August, 1894, to 24th November, 1894 :

And it further appearing, from the certificates of the said Gold Commissioner, and other the evidence adduced on this application, that the rules and regulations on this behalf have been duly complied with, that the rentals of the said leases have all been duly paid, that no records adverse to the applicant's interests or to the interests of her predecessors in title have been made in the Mining Division in which the said properties are situate, that no claims conflict with or overlap the said leaseholds, and further, that heavy expenditures amounting to upwards of $80,000.00 have been made or caused to be made by the applicant, in particular upon the ground comprised in said leasehold No. 71, the Council being of opinion that the applicant should not be prejudiced by the omissions above referred to, or by any defect in her title to the said properties, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, under the provisions of section 13 of the "Placer Mining Act, 1891, Amendment Act, 1895," and by and with the advice and consent of His Executive Council has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered that upon the payment by the said Mary Ann Laird to the said Gold Commissioner of the sum of $5.00 in respect to each lapsed certificate above referred to, the title of the said Mary Ann Laird to the properties comprised in the above-mentioned leases, together with all the rights and privileges appurtenant thereto or held therewith, respectively, shall be and be deemed to be and always to have been as good, valid and effectual as if none of the persons through whom she claims title to the said premises, or any part thereof, had ever neglected or failed to have in their possession a valid, existing Free Miner's Certificate, and generally as if no default had ever been made, and as if the requirements of the law for the time being in force affecting the said premises had been in all respects duly complied with.

JAMES BAKER,
Clerk, Executive Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA,
Thursday, 7th April, 1898.

PRESENT :

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Whereas a communication addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been received from the Secretary of the British Columbia Gold Trust, Limited, in which he intimates that the said Company by a certain indenture dated the 28th day of April, 1897, made between themselves and P. R. C. Bayne, Free Miner, acquired from the said P. R. C.

Bayne all his right, title and interest of and to the "Oronoco" Mineral Claim situated at Uchucklesit Harbour, in the Alberni Mining Division, V. I.; and

Whereas it appears that the said Company were not in possession of a free miner's certificate at the date of the acquisition of the said property, but that the Company obtained a certificate on the 3rd day of May, 1897, and on the 30th day of June, 1897, they obtained a renewal of the same; and

Whereas by a Confirmation Deed made in the said month of May, subsequent to the 3rd of May, 1897, between the aforesaid P. R. C. Bayne and the Company, the said P. R. C. Bayne granted, released and quit claimed and confirmed unto the Company, their successors and assigns, all his right, title and interest of and to the "Oronoco" Mineral Claim, and also the right, title and interest which the said P. R. C. Bayne then had or which he may hereafter acquire of, in and to the fee simple estate in the said mineral claim and every part thereof; and

Whereas the Company seek relief against forfeiture of their right to the "Oronoco" Mineral Claim by reason of their not being the possessors of a free miner's certificate unexpired on the 28th day of April, 1897:

Now, therefore, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of His Executive Council, and under the authority conferred on him by Section 143 of the "Mineral Act," to make such orders as are deemed necessary to meet the cases which may arise and for which no provision is made in the said Act, has been pleased to authorise, and does hereby authorise the Mining Recorder of New Westminster to ante-date the free miner's certificate No. 96,726, issued to the Company on the 3rd day of May, 1897, from the 3rd day of May to the 28th day of April, 1897,

And it is further ordered, that the Gold Commissioner for the Alberni Mining Division be and is hereby authorised to make such amendments to the records affected as he may consider requisite.

JAMES BAKER,
Clerk, Executive Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA,
18th March, 1898.

PRESENT:

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

The Committee of Council has had before them an application from Mr. J. Wyatt Vaughan on behalf of the undermentioned Companies, for an extension of time to complete their assessment work and permission to have the cost of surveys counted as work done on the claims mentioned.

The Fire Gold Mining Company, owners of the Neptune, Money Spinner, Midas, Free Gold, Star and Princess Mineral Claims;

The Fire Lake Gold Mines Company, owners of the March, Crown Point, Morning, Snow Shoe, Wild Horse, Noon Day, Hard Scrabble and Sun Dog, Mineral Claims;

The Telluride Gold Mining Company, owners of the Wonderful, Baby, Tellurium and Gold Queen Mineral Claims;

The Gold Range Exploring and Mining Company, owners of the Blue Bell, Tepella, Dividend, Sultan, Rustler, St. Alice, Chancery, Fire Fly, Indian Chief, Echoe and Dandy Mineral Claims.

The Minister of Mines remarks that the Companies have already expended large sums of money on the development of their various claims, and that the cause of the delay in the surveys of these claims was due to a conflict of opinion between the Survey Department and the Companies' Surveyor as to the interpretation of the "Mineral Act."

The Committee, after consideration of the matter in question, as represented by the agent for the applicants, advise that an extension of time for a period of six months from the 20th March, 1898, for the purpose, be granted, also that permission be given for the cost of the surveys to count as part of such assessment work.

The Committee submit the aforesaid for Your Honour's approval.

JAMES BAKER,
Clerk, Executive Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA,
1st August, 1898.

PRESENT:

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Whereas doubt exists as to the true meaning of the sub-section substituted for sub-section (*g*) of section 36 of the "Mineral Act" by section 8 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1898," which reads—

(*g*.) Filed with the Mining Recorder—

"(1.) *The copies* of the British Columbia Gazette and newspaper containing the notices of application for certificate of improvements;" and

Whereas section 143 of the "Mineral Act" provides that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such orders as are deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act according to their true intent, or to meet the cases which may arise and for which no provision is made in this Act, or when the provision made is ambiguous or doubtful.

On the recommendation of the Honourable the Minister of Mines,

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of His Executive Council, has been pleased to declare, and does hereby declare, that the true intent of the sub-section is to provide for the filing of *one copy* of the British Columbia Gazette and newspaper containing the notice in question.

JAMES BAKER,
Clerk, Executive Council.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "PLACER MINING ACT" (SEC. 150) AND OF THE "MINERAL ACT" (SEC. 143).

Notice is hereby given that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to rescind the Order in Council of the 29th October, 1897, approving a regulation which provides for relief against forfeiture owing to the lapse of a free miner's certificate, such rescission to take effect on and after the 15th day of November next.

By Command,
J. FRED. HUME,
Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines.

Department of Mines,
14th October, 1898.

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