

CROWN LAND OFFICE, FREDERICTON, 21st July, 1874.

NOTICE is hereby given, That all Regulations for the disposal of Timber and Lumber, heretofore established, have been suspended, so far as the same are inconsistent with the following Regulations which have been sanctioned by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and that all Timber Licenses and Renewals thereof are, from and after this date, to be granted subject to the said Regulations and the Conditions and Restrictions therein set forth, in addition to the provisions of any Statute relating to the sale or disposal of Crown Lands.

BENJ. R. STEVENSON, *Surveyor General*.

CROWN LAND TIMBER REGULATIONS.

- 1.—At an Annual General Sale, to be held at such time at the Crown Land Office as the Surveyor General may determine, all Timber Licenses which have heretofore expired, or which may hereafter expire or be declared cancelled under these Regulations, shall be offered for sale.
- 2.—The upset mileage in all cases to be eight dollars per square mile, subject to the Stumpage, Regulations and Restrictions hereinafter provided.
- 3.—The Stumpage payable upon all Logs, Timber or other Lumber, and Bark, cut or made upon Crown Lands, shall be as follows :

For Spruce and Pine saw Logs, cut and hauled, to be driven down the Rivers emptying into the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, or any of their tributaries, per thousand superficial feet,	60 cents.
For Spruce and Pine saw Logs cut elsewhere in the Province,	80 "
For Hardwood or Hachmatac Timber, wherever cut, per ton,	60 "
For Pine Timber, wherever cut, per ton,	80 "

And for all other description of Lumber, and for Bark, wherever cut, fifteen per cent. of the market value thereof at the Mill, place of shipment or place of consumption in the Province. The quantity in all cases to be determined by survey at the expense of the Crown, except that the Scaler and his assistants shall, while making the survey, be boarded and lodged at the expense of the Licensee.
- 4.—All Licensees shall, when required, furnish through themselves, their agents and foremen, to such agent or agents as the Surveyor General may appoint for that purpose, and at such time and place as such agent or agents may require, satisfactory proof upon oath as to the exact locality where all the Timber, Saw Logs and other Lumber in his or their possession were cut, with the mark or marks thereof, giving the number of pieces and description of Timber, Saw Logs and other Lumber cut by themselves and others, to their knowledge, upon each of the Timber Berths held or occupied by him or them respectively, designating what quantity, if any, had been cut on any other lands, describing the same, exhibiting at the same time, for the inspection of such agent or agents, if required, the books of count and measurement of such Timber, Saw Logs and other Lumber under his or their control respectively; and shall moreover furnish such agent or agents all required information and facilities to enable him or them to arrive at a satisfactory determination as to the quantity and description of Timber, Saw Logs and other Lumber made by him or them, or held in his or their possession respectively, on which Government dues are chargeable; and in the event of such agent or agents deeming it expedient to cause such Timber, Saw Logs and other Lumber to be counted or measured, the said Licensee or occupier of such Timber Berth, and his or their agents or foremen, shall, if required, aid and assist in such count or measurement, but should such Licensee or occupier, or his or their agents, fail to comply with these conditions, such Licensee shall forfeit all right to a renewal of his License, and the berth and limit shall become vacant.
- 5.—All Applications for Licenses of Crown Lands, remaining unsold at the Annual Sales, shall be made by Petition, (not later than the first day of February next after said sale), which shall describe the situation thereof, and specify the number of square miles required by the Applicant. No Petition to be for more than ten nor less than two square miles. All expense of the survey of the Timber Berths described on any License to be borne by the Licensee; and only one application to be received by the Surveyor General for the same ground.
- 6.—Every applicant on filing his Petition shall deposit with the Receiver General the sum of eight dollars upon each square mile applied for, and should the party so depositing become the purchaser, at Auction, such deposit shall be applied towards the payment of the purchase money; and in case the ground so applied for shall not be purchased at the time advertised for the sale thereof, the deposit so made shall be forfeited; and in case some other person than the depositor shall become the purchaser, and comply with the terms of sale, the amount so deposited shall be forthwith refunded to the party who may have paid the same.
- 7.—All Berths applied for shall, if vacant, be advertised in the Royal Gazette, and at least fourteen days notice of sale given; and unless the whole of the purchase money be paid by the purchaser to the Receiver General at the time of the sale, such sale shall be void, and the ground shall be forthwith put up again for competition between any other parties, the upset price being in all cases eight dollars per square mile; and every License for a Timber Berth shall expire on the first day of the month of July next ensuing after the issue of such License.
- 8.—All Timber, Logs or other Lumber cut upon unlicensed Crown Lands, or which may be cut by any person beyond the limits of his own Berth, shall be seized and forfeited to the use of the Crown; and no Timber or Lumber shall be cut on any Berth applied for until it be purchased at Public Auction.
- 9.—Licenses may be assigned by writing signed by the Licensee, his Executors or Administrators, and the Assignee shall within reasonable time give notice of such assignment, and its date, to the Surveyor General.—(Cap. 23—1859.)
- 10.—Licensees who have paid or arranged their stumpage dues, as hereinafter provided, and who have otherwise duly complied with all existing Regulations, shall be entitled to two successive annual renewals of such parts of their licensed ground as may then be vacant and unlocated, on payment of the mileage thereon, at the rate of eight dollars per square mile, before the expiry of the License of the year preceding, (the residue however of any such ground to be still reckoned at not less than two square miles). But should the rate of Stumpage generally be increased by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council before that time, all such renewal licenses shall be subject to payment of such increased Stumpage and any further Regulations made by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, for the purpose of expeditiously enforcing the payment or adjustment of Stumpage on any Logs or other Lumber cut within the limits described in any License.
- 11.—Until the Stumpage is arranged for in the manner provided by these Regulations, all Logs or other Lumber cut within the limits of any License, shall be and remain the property of the Crown, and in no case shall be removed from the berths or brows until payment, or security therefor, is given to the satisfaction of the "Lumber Agent."
- 12.—Any Logs or other Lumber cut within the limits of any License by any trespasser, shall, as between the trespasser and the Licensees, be deemed the property of the Licensee, and as between the Licensee and the Crown, shall be liable to the rates of Stumpage payable by the terms of such License, and shall be dealt with in the same manner as if the said Licensee, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns had actually himself or themselves cut the same, and shall be the property of the Crown until the Stumpage is paid or arranged, and shall not be removed until that is done. And if the Licensee pay or secure the Stumpage of any Logs or other Lumber cut by any trespasser, such Licensee may, if he see fit, bring an action of trespass, trover or replevin for such trespass-cut Logs or other Lumber, for his own benefit and behoof.
- 13.—Should the Licensee or his Assigns fail to pay or arrange the Stumpage payable in respect of any Logs or other Lumber cut within the limits of any License, at the time by these Regulations specified, the Crown shall have the right and power to seize and sell at Public Auction, for cash, any part of such Logs or other Lumber, and the Licensee or his Assigns shall be entitled to any balance after deducting Stumpage, at the rates payable by the License, and all expenses of seizure and sale.
- 14.—All sums payable as Stumpage, under one hundred dollars, shall be paid in cash before the removal of Logs or other Lumber from the brows. For all sums above one hundred dollars, approved endorsed notes may be taken by the "Lumber Agents," payable not later than the first day of September next after the date thereof.
- 15.—If any Logs or other Lumber is removed from the berth or brows without the consent of the "Lumber Agent," or without the mark which had been furnished to him, all such stuff will be forfeited, and the License cancelled.
- 16.—The upset mileage paid on any License will be credited in arranging for stumpage, but only in cases where the "Lumber Agent" is satisfied that the lumber was cut on the identical Berth for the mileage on which the credit is claimed.
- 17.—Nothing in these Regulations shall prevent any person or persons from taking standing timber or material of any kind, for the purpose of making Roads or Bridges, or for Public Works, as provided for by 36th Victoria, Chapter 15. Licenses to be issued in duplicate; one to be delivered to the Licensee, and the other to be filed in the Crown Land Office.
- 18.—No License to have any operation until an acceptance thereof be signed by the Licensee, or his agent for that purpose, authorized in writing.