

CROWN LAND OFFICE, FREDERICTON, 1st August, 1877.

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, Trees, or other Lumber, and Bark, cut or made upon Crown Lands shall be as follows:—

For Spruce and Pine Saw Logs, per thousand superficial feet, 80 cents.

For Pine, Hardwood or Hachmatac Timber, wherever cut, per ton, 80 "

And for all other description of Lumber, Trees, and for Bark, twelve and one-half 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 four 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.