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PILOTS.

British Pilots are directed by the Board of Trade not to pilot Ships of War of either belligerent, except in British waters, within three miles of the shore, or to do more than pilot such Ships into or out of British ports or roadsteads, when they are not at the time engaged in any hostile operations, but Ships of War in distress may always be piloted out of immediate danger, other than the danger of immediate or imminent capture.

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Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

Whitehall Gardens, S. W., 24th May, 1877.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Trade to acquaint you for the information of the Pilotage authority, that Her Majesty's Government, having regard to the existing state of war between Russia and Turkey, are of opinion that the following Instructions should be at once issued to the Pilots in your district:—

"British Pilots are not to pilot Ships of War for either Belligerent, except in British Waters, within three miles of the shore, or to do more than pilot such ships into or out of British ports or roadsteads, when they are not at the time engaged in any hostile operations, but Ships of War in distress may always be piloted out of immediate danger, other than the danger of immediate or imminent capture."

I am accordingly to request that you will immediately take the necessary steps for making these instructions known to the Pilots.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) EDWARD STANHOPE,
Secretary.

(No. 69.)

CROWN LAND OFFICE, 16th June, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all purchases of Crown Land under the "Act to facilitate the Settlement of Crown Lands," made prior to the 31st day of December, 1875, and not yet granted, will be cancelled on the 31st day of December next, and the Lands again become vacant, unless the parties interested do previously furnish this Office with the Certificate of the Labour Act Commissioners that the conditions of payment, (by work or money) improvement, and residence, required by the 2nd and 3rd sub-sections of the Third Section of the said Act, have been fully complied with.

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BENJ. R. STEVENSON, Sur. Gen.

(No. 74.)

CROWN LAND OFFICE, July 19th, 1877.

MINING LICENSES on Crown Land in the County of Albert, agreeably to the following Regulations, will be offered for sale at this Office, at noon, on the 22nd day of next month:—

1. Every Mining License shall be exempted from Royalty on Coal and all other Minerals, except Gold and Silver, for ten years from the date thereof.

2. That the right of Mining for the term of twenty five years, within a tract not exceeding five square miles, as may be applied for within any County, shall be put up at a fixed rent of twenty cents per chaldron on Coal, and five per cent. on the value of all other Minerals, including Gold and Silver, raised or dug, to be paid on the first day of January, April, July, and October, in each year, to the Receiver General, or an Agent to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; provided that such Royalty shall not be exacted during the continuance of the Lease, if the Lessee or his Assigns shall make it appear on oath to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that the profits of the undertaking, over and above reasonable expenses, and the Royalty to the Crown, do not exceed six per cent. on the capital invested; and provided also, that the Lessee or Assignee shall furnish to the Receiver General, or such Agent as aforesaid, quarterly, at the days above named, statements on oath of the quantity of Coal raised, and the value of all other Minerals raised or dug.

3. That the upset preference price shall be Twenty Dollars per square mile.

4. That the preference money be paid by the purchaser immediately upon the lot being bid off, after which other lots will, if applied for in the same County, be offered for sale in like manner. The first purchaser shall be required to select his ground within twelve months after day of sale. The second purchaser within twelve months and ten days, and so on; each purchaser being allowed ten days more than his predecessor.

5. That the Lease contain a covenant for renewal, or that the Crown may resume possession and take the improvements at a valuation to be made by Arbitrators appointed, one by the Surveyor General, and one by the Lessee or his Assigns. In case the Lessee or his Assigns fail to appoint an Arbitrator within ten days after being required by written notice served upon the Lessee or his Assigns; if in the Province, or after publication of such notice for one month in the *Royal Gazette*, then the Surveyor General shall have the power to appoint two Arbitrators;

such Arbitrators appointed in either case aforesaid, shall select a third, the award of any two of whom shall be final.

6. That if the Lessee shall not actually raise Coal or other Minerals to the value of four hundred dollars from his ground within any one year, (the first five years excepted) during the continuance of his Lease, the same shall become forfeited.

7. Mining Leases heretofore issued and not now liable to forfeiture may be surrendered, and Leases in lieu thereof issued in accordance with these Regulations, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that Mining operations have not been profitably conducted under previous License.

BENJ. R. STEVENSON, Sur. Gen.

CROWN LAND OFFICE, August 6th, 1877.

MINING LICENSES on Crown Land in the County of St. John, agreeably to the following Regulations, will be offered for sale at this Office, at noon, on the 5th day of next month:—

1. Every Mining License shall be exempted from Royalty on Coal and all other Minerals, except Gold and Silver, for ten years from the date thereof.

2. That the right of Mining for the term of twenty five years, within a tract not exceeding five square miles, as may be applied for within any County, shall be put up at a fixed rent of twenty cents per chaldron on Coal, and five per cent. on the value of all other Minerals, including Gold and Silver, raised or dug, to be paid on the first day of January, April, July, and October, in each year, to the Receiver General, or an Agent to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; provided that such Royalty shall not be exacted during the continuance of the Lease, if the Lessee or his Assigns shall make it appear on oath to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that the profits of the undertaking, over and above reasonable expenses, and the Royalty to the Crown, do not exceed six per cent. on the capital invested; and provided also that the Lessee or Assignee shall furnish to the Receiver General, or such Agent as aforesaid, quarterly, at the days above named, statements on oath of the quantity of Coal raised, and the value of all other Minerals raised or dug.

3. That the upset preference price shall be Twenty Dollars per square mile.

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5. That the Lease contain a covenant for renewal, or that the Crown may resume possession and take the improvements at a valuation to be made by Arbitrators appointed, one by the Surveyor General, and one by the Lessee or his Assigns. In case the Lessee or his Assigns fail to appoint an Arbitrator within ten days after being required by written notice served upon the Lessee or his Assigns, if in the Province, or after publication of such notice for one month in the *Royal Gazette*, then the Surveyor General shall have the power to appoint two Arbitrators; such Arbitrators appointed in either case aforesaid, shall select a third, the award of any two of whom shall be final.

6. That if the Lessee shall not actually raise Coal or other Minerals to the value of four hundred dollars from his ground within any one year, (the first five years excepted) during the continuance of his Lease, the same shall become forfeited.

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BEN. R. STEVENSON, Sur. Gen.

CROWN LAND OFFICE, 8th August, 1877.

THE following Lots of vacant Crown Land will be offered for sale at this Office on the first Tuesday in September next, commencing at noon. All improvements to be paid for at the time of sale, or as soon thereafter as the Surveyor General determines the present value thereof. All for payment down—no Discount. Upset price 80 cents per acre, in addition to expense of survey.

Not to interfere with the right to cut Timber or other Lumber under Licences applied for previous to the application for the Land, if already surveyed; or if not surveyed, previous to the receipt of the Return of Survey at this Office.

GLOUCESTER.

100 acres, lot 81, Black Rock, John Peck.

KENT.

42 acres, adjoining P. Murphy, on the S.E. & E. of the S. Br. St. Nicholas River, Richard Dawling.

WESTMORLAND.

50 acres, on Canaan River, next below Jacob VanBuskirk's, John Sawier.

ALBERT.

100 acres, eastern part of vacancy Wly. of lot 42, and Nly. of lot 43, S. side Shepody road, R. G. Talbot.

VICTORIA.

50 acres, lot 11, tier 2, N.W. of Tobique R. in Gordon, Edward R. Howard.

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