

of the different seams in connection with each outlet in such mine or working.

47. No person shall be precluded by any agreement from doing such acts as may be necessary for providing a second shaft or outlet to a mine where the same is required by this Act, or be liable under any contract to any penalty or forfeiture for doing such acts as may be necessary in order to comply with the provisions of this Act with respect to shafts or outlets.

No agreement to bar liability.
1891, No. 46, sec. 41

48. (1.) In every case where vertical or overhanging ladders are used in connection with the shaft of any mine, securely fixed platforms shall be constructed at intervals of not more than thirty feet from each other in such shaft, and such ladders shall have sufficient spaces for foot-holds of not less than six inches; but in no case shall new vertical or overhanging ladders be constructed either in substitution for old ones or otherwise.

Shafts with vertical or overhanging ladders to have platforms.
Ibid, sec. 42

(2.) Every person who contravenes or does not comply with this section shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

49. Every person employed in or about any mine shall satisfy himself of the safety of any tubs, chains, tackle, windlass, ropes, or other appliances he may use before commencing and whilst at work, and in case of any defect or insecurity he shall cease to use anything unsafe; and every such person who witnesses in or about any such mine any circumstance, matter, or thing which may be likely to produce therein danger of any kind, and every person who may be notified by any such person of any such circumstance, matter, or thing, shall notify the same to the person (if any) under whose immediate directions or control he may be; and every such person in subcharge of and employed in mining operations in any part of a mine shall, on changing his shift, inform the person appointed to relieve him of the state of the workings in the part of the mine in which he has been employed, or otherwise he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Persons employed in mines to satisfy themselves and to report as to safety of mine.
Ibid, sec. 43

50. Immediately upon any miner working in the mine making a complaint under this Act to any Inspector, it shall be the duty of such Inspector to make inquiry into the matter of such complaint, and to take such other steps as he may deem necessary to investigate the matter, and the name of the informant shall not be divulged by the Inspector.

Inspector to make inquiry on complaint of miner.
Ibid, sec. 44

51. (1.) The owner, agent, or manager of every mine where there are underground workings shall keep at the office at the mine an accurate plan of the workings of such mine, made by a certificated manager, a duly qualified mining engineer, or by a surveyor authorised as such by the Surveyor-General, and a copy of such plan shall be forwarded to the Inspector once in every six months with the whole of the workings shown thereon up to one month previously.

Plan of workings of mine to be kept and copy forwarded to Inspector.
Ibid, sec. 45

(2.) Every such plan shall be made to a scale of not less than two chains to an inch.

(3.) If the owner, agent, or manager of any mine fails, neglects, or refuses to forward to the Inspector a copy of such plan once in every six months, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds for each offence.

Penalty on default.