(b.) May contract with the lessee or lessees of any coal-mine situate on Crown lands for the purchase of their respective interests therein, and the cancellation of the lease, on paying such compensation for the same, including value of goodwill, if any, as may be determined under "The Public Works Act, 1894."

Every such resumption or contract to be subject to approval of Parliament. 1901, No. 47, sec. 9

66. Every resumption of land under section sixty-four and every contract under section sixty-five of this Act shall be subject to the approval of Parliament, and for that purpose the following provisions shall apply:—

(a.) Full particulars of such resumption or contract shall, within ten days after the same is decided on, be laid before Parliament if sitting, or, if not, then within ten days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

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(b.) Such resumption or contract shall not be proceeded with 15 unless a resolution approving the same is, within thirty days after the presentation of such particulars to Parliament, passed by the House of Representatives, and such resolution, if passed, is not, within ten days after the same has been communicated to the Legislative Council 20 by the House, negatived by resolution of the Council.

67. In every case where a coal-mine is resumed or acquired under the provisions of this Act, all the owner's contracts and engagements then in force relating to the mine or its operations, or the output or supply of coal therefrom, shall, except in so far as is 25otherwise agreed on between the owner and the Minister, be deemed to be transferred to His Majesty by force of this Act, without the necessity of any instrument of transfer, assignment, or other assurance, and the benefit and burden thereof shall accordingly pass to and devolve upon the Minister on behalf of His Majesty:

Provided that the owner shall from time to time execute all such instruments as the Minister deems necessary for the purpose of giving fuller effect to the statutory transfer created by this section.

68. (1.) Where, for the purpose of working any mine, it is required to carry any work on, or over, or under any private land, or 35 to take any such land or any part thereof for mining works in connection with such mine, the Governor, on the application and at the proper cost and charges of the owner of the said mine, may take such land or any part thereof under "The Public Works Act, 1894," as for a public work within the meaning of such Act.

(2.) All provisions of the said Act shall apply accordingly for the purpose, but the effect of the Proclamation taking the land shall be to vest such land in the applicant instead of in His Majesty, and all proceedings after the aforesaid Proclamation in respect of compensation and otherwise in respect of complying with the said Act shall be 45 had against the applicant, who shall be deemed to be the respondent, and shall be liable in respect of such taking in the same manner and to the same extent as His Majesty or the Minister for Public Works would be in respect of taking land for a Government work under the said Act.

69. For all purposes of this Act "The Public Works Act, 1894," shall be read as if the words "The Minister of Mines" had been inserted therein in lieu of the words "The Minister for Public  $\mathbf{Works.''}$ 

When coal-mine resumed or acquired owner's contracts transferred to Minister. Ibid, sec. 8

Works on private land. 1891, No. 46, sec. 61

For purposes of this Act Minister of Mines substituted for Minister for Public Works in Public Works Act. Ibid, sec. 62