

97. There shall be implied in every agreement with the owner of a mine for the sale or supply of coal by him from a mine a condition that such agreement shall not be binding on him, but shall be suspended during a strike in such mine.

All agreements with mine-owner for supply of coal to be deemed suspended during strike in the mine.

1891, No. 46, sec. 88

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## PART II.

## STATE COAL-MINES.

*Lands and Mines subject to this Part of this Act.*

98. The Governor may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, set apart for the purposes of this Part of this Act any unalienated Crown lands which in his opinion contain coal or may be required for coal-mining operations under this Part of this Act.

Unalienated Crown lands may be set apart.

1901, No. 47, sec. 2

99. It shall be the duty of every Land Board, or other authority charged with the sale or other disposal of Crown lands, to ascertain before such sale or disposal whether the same contain coal, and, if they do, to report the fact to the Governor, and not to sell or otherwise dispose of the lands without the consent of the Governor.

Land Board to ascertain whether land contains coal before disposing thereof.

Ibid, sec. 3

100. (1.) All lands set apart as aforesaid, and all lands and mines resumed or acquired under the provisions of sections sixty-four and sixty-five hereof, shall be deemed to be subject to this Part of this Act, and shall be held and dealt with thereunder and not otherwise.

All lands set apart or resumed or acquired under this Part of Act to be dealt with thereunder.

Ibid, sec. 4

(2.) The Governor may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, exempt any of the said lands or mines from the operation of this Part of this Act, and thereupon the lands or mines so exempted shall cease to be subject thereto, and shall be disposed of as the Governor directs.

Governor may exempt such lands from Act.

(3.) The Governor may permit any lands subject to this Part of this Act to be disposed of by way of lease under "The Land Act, 1892," subject to the condition that the lease may be determined at any time by the Governor, without compensation to the lessee, in the event of the land being required for coal-mining purposes under this Part of this Act :

Or permit same to be leased, subject to right to cancel if required for coal-mining.

Provided that with respect to the lands comprised in the First, Second, and Third Schedules to "The Westland and Nelson Coal-fields Administration Act, 1877," subsection one of section forty-four of "The Mining Act, 1898," shall apply.

Proviso as to lands in Westland and Nelson Coalfields.

*State Coal-mines.*

101. Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Minister, on behalf of His Majesty, to open and work coal-mines on land subject to this Part of this Act, and to work coal-mines subject to this Part of this Act, and generally to carry on the business of coal-mining in all its branches.

Minister may open and work coal-mines.

Ibid, sec. 5

102. For the purposes of the *last preceding* section the Minister, on behalf of His Majesty, may from time to time, in such manner and on such terms as he thinks fit,—

Powers of Minister for carrying on coal-mining.

Ibid, sec. 6

(a.) Appoint managers, engineers, agents, workmen, and servants ; and

(b.) Construct, erect, or by purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire buildings, plant, machinery, railways, tramways, hulks,