

Provided that this section shall not apply to surveyors, or to Post-masters or officers in charge of post-offices.

(2.) It shall not be lawful for any officer of a Warden's Court to knowingly do anything in any way connected with the administration of this Act otherwise than in the exercise of his functions and duties as such officer.

(3.) If any person commits any breach of any of the provisions of this section he is liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

16. If any Warden knowingly adjudicates on any matter wherein he has, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary interest, then, in addition to any other penalty to which he thereby exposes himself, he is liable on conviction upon indictment in any competent Court to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding two years, or to a penalty not exceeding two hundred pounds.

Penalty on Warden for acting if interested.
1898, No. 38, sec. 17

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PART III.

LANDS SUBJECT TO THIS ACT, AND LANDS EXEMPTED THEREFROM.

Mining on Crown Lands.

17. Subject to the limitations and provisions hereinafter contained, all Crown lands within any mining district are hereby declared to be open for mining under the provisions of this Act.

Crown lands in mining districts open for mining.
Ibid, sec. 18

18. (1.) The land comprised in any lease in perpetuity, or other lease or license, granted on or at any time after the sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, under "The Land Act, 1892," whether as an original lease or license, or in exchange for a pastoral or other lease or license of any kind, or for a small grazing-run, shall, if such land is situate in a mining district at the time of such grant, be deemed to be Crown lands within the meaning of this Act, anything in "The Land Act, 1892," or any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Leased lands in mining districts deemed Crown lands
Ibid, sec. 19

(2.) All lands acquired under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," are hereby declared to be Crown lands within the meaning of this Act :

Land-for-settlements lands deemed Crown lands for mining purposes.
1899, No. 29, sec. 35

Provided that all rents, royalties, and other fees payable in respect of mining privileges on such lands shall not be deemed to be goldfields revenue, but shall be paid into the Land for Settlements Account.

19. (1.) The Governor may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*,—

Crown lands may be set apart for mining or exempted therefrom.

(a.) Set apart for mining purposes exclusively, or for any specified mining purpose exclusively, any unoccupied Crown lands within a mining district or outside thereof ; and also

1898, No. 38, sec. 20

(b.) Exempt any Crown lands from mining, or from any specified mining purpose, or from this Act or any specified provisions of this Act.

(2.) The lands to which any such *Gazette* notice relates shall be specified therein by words of particular description.

(3.) So long as any such lands are set apart for mining purposes exclusively, or for any specified mining purpose exclusively, pursuant to any such *Gazette* notice they shall not be available for any other purposes.

(4.) So long as any such lands are exempted from mining, or from any specified mining purpose, or from this Act or any specified provisions of this Act, pursuant to any such *Gazette* notice, they shall, to the extent of such exemption, cease to be subject to the operation of this Act.