

acres applied for, with an addition of twenty-five pounds for every one thousand acres or part thereof applied for in excess of one thousand acres.

Duration of
warrant.
1904, No. 33, sec. 13

78. A mineral prospecting warrant shall, unless previously cancelled under section *eighty* hereof, continue in force for a period of five years from the date on which it was granted. 5

Rights of holder.
Ibid, sec. 14

79. The holder of any such warrant shall, while it continues in force, have the exclusive right to prospect for the mineral specified in the warrant on the land to which the warrant refers, and may enter upon such land for that purpose. 10

Conditions
of warrant.
Ibid, sec. 15

80. Every mineral prospecting warrant shall be held under such conditions as to employment of labour and development of the mine as may from time to time be prescribed by regulations, and may at any time be cancelled for the non-observance on the part of the holder of any such conditions. 15

Right of holder
of warrant to
select on lease.
Ibid, sec. 16

81. (1.) At any time while a mineral prospecting warrant is in force the holder shall, on complying with the provisions of this Act, have the right to a mineral lease of such part of the land to which the warrant relates not exceeding one thousand acres, and in one continuous block, as he may select. 20

(2.) Every application for a mineral lease shall be accompanied by a deposit of one pound for every acre of land applied for, not exceeding in the whole a deposit of one thousand pounds.

(3.) The mineral lease shall be for a term not exceeding sixty-three years, and shall be subject to the payment of such rent and to the observance of such conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by regulations. 25

Regulations.
Ibid, sec. 17

82. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations—

(a.) Prescribing the rent and royalty payable, and the labour and other conditions under which any mineral prospecting warrant or mineral lease shall be granted; 30

(b.) Providing for the refund from time to time of sums (not exceeding in the whole the amount deposited, whether on application for the warrant or the lease) in proportion to the amount spent in complying with any such labour or other conditions; and 35

(c.) Prescribing the terms and conditions on which licenses or warrants may be issued under the next succeeding section hereof, and the amount that shall be expended each year in prospecting under any such license or warrant. 40

Provision if land
proves auriferous.
Ibid, sec. 18

83. (1.) Paragraph (i) of section one hundred and *three* hereof shall not apply to a mineral lease granted under section *eighty-one* hereof in so far as that, in the event of the land in respect of which such lease is granted, or any part thereof, being proved to be auriferous or to contain any mineral other than that specified in the lease, the lease shall not on that account be cancelled. 45

(2.) The Warden may from time to time, if it appears to him that the working of the land comprised in such lease for the purpose specified in the lease is not thereby prejudiced, grant licenses or warrants for prospecting for gold or other metal or mineral, or any other mining privilege, over any part of the land comprised in such lease: 50