

(a.) That the holder thereof will *bona fide* and continuously work the same by carrying on mining operations for gold thereon with reasonable diligence and skill, and will commence such operations,—

(i.) In the case of an ordinary alluvial claim, within forty-eight hours after the day on which it is taken up; and

(ii.) In the case of an ordinary claim other than an ordinary alluvial claim, within such number of days, not exceeding seven, as the Warden fixes when granting the license; and

(iii.) In the case of an extended claim, within such number of days, not exceeding fourteen, as the Warden fixes when granting the license; and

(iv.) In the case of a special claim, within such time as the Warden fixes when granting the license :

Provided that in cases (ii.), (iii.), and (iv.) the holder shall, by himself or some person on his behalf, remain in actual and effective occupation of the claim between the time of the taking-up thereof and the commencement of operations thereon; and that in the case of a special claim for dredging the holder shall commence and prosecute the construction or acquisition of a dredge for working the claim (but not necessarily on the claim) within such time or extended time as the Warden fixes at the time of granting the license or at any subsequent time.

(b.) That he will at all times employ in such operations such number of workmen as is prescribed by regulations in that behalf :

Provided that on application in that behalf the Warden in his discretion may from time to time reduce the prescribed number of workmen to such extent and for such period as he thinks fit, where he is satisfied that the prescribed number cannot be reasonably and advantageously employed :

Provided further that when such period exceeds six months the previous consent of the Minister shall be necessary :

Provided further that the reduced number of workmen shall in every case be wages-men. 1902, No. 22, sec. 4

99. The last preceding section hereof shall be construed subject to the following provisions :—

(a.) The Warden, in the case of a machine-site or other mining privilege to be used in working a claim, may from time to time, on application in that behalf, extend the date of the commencement of works on such mining privilege for such period as he thinks fit, having regard to the nature and extent of the operations on the claim.

(b.) In every case where two or more claims or other mining privileges contiguous to one another, or worked in conjunction with one another, are held by the same person or by co-partners in mining, it shall be a sufficient compliance with the aforesaid labour conditions if the total number of workmen employed on any one or more of such claims or other mining privileges, taken collectively, is not less than the total number prescribed for all such claims taken separately :

Provisoes.

1898, No. 38, sec. 86

Protection of machine-sites, &c.

1904, No. 33, sec. 5

As to contiguous claims held by same person.