When area of exchanged land may exceed limit. 1899, No. 29, sec. 9 156. In every case where the area of the land comprised in the mining privilege to be surrendered for purposes of exchange exceeds the limit of area as fixed by this Act, the area of the land comprised in the corresponding mining privilege may to the same extent exceed such limit.

Provisions where roads excluded from surrendered area. Ibid, sec. 10 157. In every case where, in the computation of the area of the land comprised in the mining privilege to be surrendered for purposes of exchange, the roads existing thereon have been excluded, the following special provisions shall apply:—

(a.) The area of the land in the corresponding mining privilege 10 shall include the estimated area of the roads, notwithstanding that the total area thus computed may exceed the area specified in the surrendered mining privilege or the limit of area as fixed by this Act.

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(b.) The license for the corresponding mining privilege shall specify 15 the area of the land in the surrendered mining privilege, the estimated area of the roads, and the total area of the land in the corresponding mining privilege.

(c.) It shall not be necessary to make any survey for the purpose of estimating the area of the roads, but the Warden shall 20 estimate the same in such manner as he thinks fit.

d.) The license for the corresponding mining privilege shall be deemed to be granted and shall be held subject to the provisions of section two hundred and five hereof.

Amalgamation of claims. 1898, No. 38, sec. 129

158. For the purpose of facilitating the working of adjoining claims 25 of any description granted or acquired under this Act or any former Mining Act, or of simplifying the title thereto, the following provisions shall apply:—

(a.) On application to the Warden, and with his consent, any such claims that are duly registered may, in the prescribed manner 30 and subject to the prescribed conditions, be amalgamated into one claim:

Provided that the total area of the amalgamated claim shall not exceed the maximum area prescribed for a special claim of the same description.

(b.) Before granting the amalgamation the Warden shall be satisfied that the amalgamation will facilitate the working of the claims to which the application relates or simplify the title thereto, and also that there has been expended in mining operations on each of the claims not less than such sum as 40 is prescribed.

(c.) The amalgamation shall be effected by surrendering the titles to the separate claims and obtaining in exchange therefor a license under this Act for the amalgamated claim.

(d.) With respect to every such surrender and exchange the pro- 45 visions of section one hundred and fifty-five hereof shall, mutatis mutandis, apply.

(e.) With the consent in each case of the Minister, the foregoing provisions of this section shall apply to non-adjoining alluvial or dredging claims:

Provided that no such claim shall be amalgamated with another unless the nearest boundaries of both are within one