

purposes, the compensation payable to him in respect thereof shall include the auriferous and argentiferous value of the land, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding :

Provided the proceedings to establish such title as aforesaid are commenced either before the gazetting of the Proclamation declaring the lands to be taken on behalf of His Majesty or not later than six months thereafter. 5

- (b.) Nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to in any way create or recognise the existence of any right or title of any nature or kind whatsoever to such deposits as aforesaid in any person as against His Majesty. 10

Notice that claims settled or barred. 1898, No. 38, sec. 240

291. A notification signed by the Minister and published in the *Gazette*, that any claim for compensation under this Act has been settled, and that all further claims and remedies in respect of the land or matter specified in such notification are barred, shall be conclusive evidence of all matters mentioned therein. 15

Regulations as to claims for compensation. Ibid, sec. 241

292. The Governor may from time to time make regulations—

- (a.) For the production of all instruments of title to any land to which any claim for compensation under this Act relates ;
 (b.) For recording thereon the fact of any such claim having been duly settled under this Act ; 20
 (c.) For the registration of such record under any Act providing for the registration of deeds or instruments affecting title to land ;
 (d.) For any other purposes he deems necessary in order to give full effect to the provisions of this Act relating to claims for compensation and the disposal thereof. 25

PART VIII.

MINING PARTNERSHIPS.

This Part of Act not to apply to mining companies. Ibid, sec. 242

293. This Part of this Act shall not apply to any company or association incorporated or registered under any charter granted by the Crown, or under any Act of the Imperial Parliament or of the General Assembly, nor to any business carried on by virtue of a business-site license under this Act or a business license under any former Mining Act. 30

What constitutes a mining partnership. Ibid, sec. 243

294. (1.) Whenever two or more persons acquire any mining privilege, or engage in lawfully working or using it, or jointly employ others to do so for them, a mining partnership shall be deemed to exist between such persons in respect of such mining privilege, whether there is or is not any express agreement to become partners. 35

2.) A mortgagee in possession shall be deemed to be a partner. 40

Partnership property. Ibid, sec. 244

295. Every mining privilege owned by partners in mining, or worked or used by or for them, whether purchased with partnership funds or not, shall be deemed to be partnership property.