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THE MINING ACT, 1904.

Department of Mines,

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Perth, 27th July, 1905.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following additional Regulations under "The Mining Act, 1904," to come into force throughout that portion of the State South of the 24th parallel of latitude on the 1st day of August, 1905, and throughout the remainder of the State on the first day of September, 1905; also to make the following amendments (as set forth in the Schedule) to the Regulations published in the *Government Gazette* of 17th July, 1905.

W. D. JOHNSON,
Minister for Mines.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS.

Dredging Claims.

40A. (1.) A miner may, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, take possession of and hold any number of claims for dredging for gold or minerals in lakes, swamps, marshes, or rivers, and the land adjoining thereto, or on the foreshore of and the land under the ocean under the circumstances following, viz. :—

- (a.) When the ground applied for has previously been worked for alluvial gold or minerals and abandoned.
- (b.) When the known poverty of the ground warrants such claims.
- (c.) When such ground is only suitable for dredging on account of its excessive wetness, or on account of the costliness of the appliances required to work it.

Area and Width.

(2.) The maximum area of a dredging claim shall not exceed three hundred acres, and, except in the case of river claims, the minimum width thereof at right angles to the shore edge or bank shall not be less than 15 chains. In the case of river claims, there shall be no restriction as to the width thereof, but no such claim shall exceed six miles in length.

Marking off.

(3.) Dredging claims shall be taken possession of and marked off as prescribed in Regulation 131: Provided that it shall only be necessary to erect posts or cairns at each end of the claim, and at each angle thereof on the shoreward edge or bank; the opposite boundaries shall be deemed to be parallel to the marked boundaries. At each end of the claim a tree (if available) shall also be marked with a distinguishing mark. If in any case one of the angle posts or cairns is not visible from the next succeeding angle post or cairn, there shall be erected so many intermediate posts or cairns as may be necessary to render each visible from the next in succession throughout the length of the claim.

Union of claims.

(4.) Two or more dredging claims may be united in the manner prescribed in Regulation 34, provided the maximum length of the new claim does not exceed six miles.

Application for Registration.

(5.) Application for registration of a Dredging Claim shall be made as prescribed in Regulation 137, and shall be advertised once in a local newspaper within fourteen days of the application being lodged, and, within thirty days of the lodging of the application, any person may lodge an objection in duplicate, in the form No. 34 in the Schedule. Should no objection be lodged within the time specified, the Warden or Inspecting Surveyor may issue to a



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