



CHAPTER 58.

An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."

R.S.B.C. 1911, c.
157; 1919, cc. 54, 55.*[Assented to 17th April, 1920.]*

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, Short title. 1920."

2. The "Mineral Act," being chapter 157 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911," is amended by inserting therein the following as section 16A:—

"16A. (1.) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time within the period of three years from the enactment of this section, by notice signed by the Minister of Mines and published in one issue of the Gazette, reserve from location and mining for iron under this or any other Act any lands containing iron ore, which lands are not at the date of the notice included in any mineral claim or in any mining property or premises demised or held under this or any other Act relating to mines or minerals. Every reserve made under this section shall continue in force until cancelled under the provisions of subsection (4).

"(2.) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may dispose of the iron ore contained in the lands covered by any reserve made under this section on such terms as to royalty per ton of ore removed and subject to such conditions as he may determine. No disposition of iron ore under this section shall be made except by public auction, and after advertisement of same is published for sixty days in the Gazette and by at least one insertion each week during that period in some newspaper published in the Province and circulating in the mining division in which the reserve is situate.

“(3.) For the purposes of this section, the expression ‘iron ore’ shall mean a natural mineral deposit containing in itself, or in the concentrates made therefrom, not less than forty per centum of metallic iron, and occurring in sufficient quantity and sufficiently free from deleterious impurities to be capable, in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, of being mined and smelted on a commercial basis for the recovery therefrom of metallic iron.

“(4.) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may cancel any reserve made under this section, but the cancellation shall not take effect until notice thereof signed by the Minister of Mines is published for sixty days in the Gazette and by at least one insertion each week during that period in some newspaper published in the Province and circulating in the mining division in which the reserve is situate.”

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