



CHAPTER 34.

An Act to facilitate the Discovery and Working of
Placer Mines.

[Assented to 24th March, 1932.]

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 "Provisional Free Miners' Cer- Short title.
tificates (Placer) Act."

2. In this Act the expression "provisional free miner" means Interpretation.
a person named in and lawfully possessed of a valid existing pro-
visional free miner's certificate issued under this Act.

3. A provisional free miner's certificate issued under this Act Limitations as to
shall apply only in respect of placer-mining, and no provisional provisional
free miner's certificate shall be issued to a joint-stock company. free miner's
certificates

4. The rights conferred on provisional free miners by virtue of Limitation as to
the provisions of this Act shall extend only in respect of the locating, application of Act.
recording, representing, and working of placer claims of a size, and
according to the terms, and in the manner set out in Parts II. and
III. of the "Placer-mining Act," as modified by or under the pro-
visions of this Act.

5. (1.) Every person over eighteen years of age who has resided Application for
in the Province continuously for a period of not less than six months provisional
prior to the date of his application may, on application accompanied free miner's
by a statutory declaration or other satisfactory evidence as to his certificate
age and period of residence in the Province, obtain from any
Gold Commissioner or Mining Recorder a provisional free miner's
certificate.

Form of
certificate.

(2.) A provisional free miner's certificate shall be in the form and to the effect following:—

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROVISIONAL FREE MINER'S CERTIFICATE.

(Not transferable.)

No. .

This is to certify that , of , having proved to my satisfaction that he is over eighteen years of age and has resided in the Province of British Columbia continuously for a period of not less than six months prior to the date hereof, has been granted this certificate entitling him to all the rights and privileges of a provisional free miner under the "Provisional Free Miners' Certificates (Placer) Act" from midnight on the day of , 19 , until midnight on the thirty-first day of May, 19 , but subject to the continuance in operation of the said Act.

Issued at this day of , 19 .

(Signature of issuing officer.)

Application of
provisions of
"Placer-mining
Act."

6. (1.) Subject to subsection (2) and to the other provisions of this Act, the provisions of the "Placer-mining Act" in respect of free miners' certificates, the rights, duties, and obligations of free miners thereunder, and the recording, representation, and working of placer claims shall apply, mutatis mutandis, in respect of provisional free miners' certificates, provisional free miners, and placer claims located and recorded under provisional free miners' certificates.

(2.) None of the provisions of Parts V. and VIII. of the "Placer-mining Act" shall apply in respect of placer claims located and recorded under provisional free miners' certificates.

Abolition of fees.

7. No fees shall be payable in respect of the issuance of any provisional free miner's certificate; and where a placer claim has been located and recorded under a provisional free miner's certificate, no fees shall be payable in respect of the recording or rerecording of that placer claim during the continuance in force of this Act; but no record or rerecord of the placer claim shall be granted for a longer period than one year.

Effect of expiry of
provisional free
miners' certificates.

8. The failure to maintain a provisional free miner's certificate unexpired shall not in itself work a forfeiture of any right or otherwise affect the title to any placer claim located and recorded by virtue of a provisional free miner's certificate; but the person named in an expired provisional free miner's certificate, before being entitled under this Act to a rerecord of his placer claim or to any of the privileges as to the representation thereof under section 52 or 53 of the "Placer-mining Act," shall be required to produce an unexpired provisional free miner's certificate held by him.

9. A provisional free miner who holds a placer claim which has been located and recorded under a provisional free miner's certificate may at any time during the continuance in operation of this Act, upon taking out a free miner's certificate under the "Placer-mining Act," rerecord his placer claim as a placer claim duly located and recorded pursuant to that Act; and thereafter this Act, except section 10, shall cease to apply in respect of that placer claim.

Power to record claims under "Placer-mining Act."

10. During the continuance in operation of this Act no fees shall be payable under the "Placer-mining Act" in respect of the recording or rerecording of placer claims located and recorded by the holder of a free miner's certificate under that Act; except that no record or rerecord of a placer claim shall be granted for a longer period than one year without the payment of fees.

Abolition of fees under "Placer-mining Act."

11. This Act shall be construed as an amendment to the "Placer-mining Act"; and the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for carrying out the true intent of this Act, and for obviating any doubt arising from the concurrent administration of this Act and the "Placer-mining Act," including the determination from time to time as to what provisions of that Act shall or shall not apply in respect of placer claims located and recorded under provisional free miners' certificates by virtue of this Act.

Concurrent administration of this Act and "Placer-mining Act."

12. This Act shall come into operation on the thirty-first day of March, 1932; and the Lieutenant-Governor may, by Proclamation, determine the operation of this Act on a day to be named by him, not less than ninety days after the date of the publication of the Proclamation in the Gazette.

Commencement and determination of Act.

VICTORIA, B. C.

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