



CHAPTER 55.

An Act granting the Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, certain rights to mine in, under, and over six hundred acres opposite the Town of Yale.

[26th April, 1890.]

WHEREAS a Petition has been presented by and on behalf of the **Preamble.**
Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, that certain exclusive rights should be granted to the said Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, and shewing that—

Benjamin Douglas and William Teague have acquired by purchase the fee simple of six hundred acres of land, more or less, opposite the town of Yale, in the Province of British Columbia, which may be more particularly described as follows:—Situate and fronting on the eastern bank of the Fraser River, opposite the town of Yale, in the Yale Division of the Yale District, in the Province of British Columbia, commencing at a post planted on the east bank of the said river at the foot of the bluff opposite Blind Creek; thence southerly in a straight line till it meets the southern boundary of section fourteen; thence westerly along the southern boundary of section fourteen a distance of twenty chains, thirty-two links; thence southerly to the southern boundary of section eleven; thence easterly a distance of twenty chains, thirty-two links; thence southerly twenty chains; thence easterly a distance of twenty chains; thence southerly a distance of sixty chains; thence easterly a distance of six chains; thence southerly five chains; thence westerly to the Fraser River; thence following the south bank of the Fraser to the point of commencement, and being part of sections fourteen, fifteen, ten, eleven, two, and thirty-four; excepting nevertheless and thereout the lots known as Yale suburban lots numbered one and seven, block one, and lots No. three and six in block two:

And that the said Benjamin Douglas and William Teague in November, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, applied to the Government of the Dominion of Canada for the right to mine by hydraulic process over the said piece of land :

And that in pursuance of such application the right to exclusively mine in and under the said piece of land was, by an Order in Council of the Dominion Government, granted to the said Benjamin Douglas and William Teague :

And that the said Benjamin Douglas and William Teague, in consequence of such right as aforesaid being granted, have agreed to lease the said piece or parcel of land to the Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, on certain terms and conditions :

And whereas it also appears from the said petition that the said Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, relying on the said Order in Council, and on the arrangements as aforesaid, have expended a large amount of money in providing machinery and plant for the mining of the said piece of land by hydraulic process :

And whereas by a decision of the Privy Council of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, given in April, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, it was decided that the precious metals within the Railway Belt, to wit : within twenty miles of either side of the track of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, were the property of the Provincial Government of British Columbia, and not that of the Dominion Government :

And in consequence of such decision the Order in Council hereinbefore referred to became invalid :

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition, subject to the provisions of this Act :

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows :

Right for 30 years
to extract precious
metals.

1. The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, and their assigns, shall be entitled to, and there is hereby granted to them, for the term of thirty years from the time of the passing of this Act, the exclusive right to extract from the said piece or parcel of land hereinbefore described all the precious metals that may be found therein or thereunder, to include all bench, bar, dry, hill, and other diggings to low water mark on the south bank of the Fraser River along the said piece of land.

Right for 30 years
to appropriate gold,
&c., to their own
use.

2. The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, and their assigns, shall, for the term hereby granted, have the exclusive right to search, dig for, and obtain and appropriate to their own use all gold or

other valuable or precious metals in or under the said described piece of land.

3. The Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, or their assigns, shall, in consideration of the privileges hereby granted, pay to the Gold Commissioner, or the person acting in that capacity, for Yale District, or to the Treasury at Victoria, on the thirtieth day of June in each year during the said term of thirty years, the sum of two hundred dollars, the first of such payments to be made on the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety : Provided always, there shall be no annual payment made in the event of the said Syndicate ceasing to work the said land.

Annual payment to be made by Syndicate during term.

Proviso.

4. If the said Fraser River Gold Gravels Syndicate, Limited, or their assigns, shall discontinue active mining operations for the space of one year, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to cancel the exclusive privileges hereby granted.

Lieutenant-Governor may cancel privileges for certain reason.

5. This Act may be cited as the "Hill's Bar Gold Mining Act, 1890." Short title.

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