

262A. Mining Registrars are hereby authorised to issue monthly licenses to cut timber in any part of any bush or forest that may be named therein on application in the form in Schedule 4 hereto; and licenses, to be in force for a period of one month, empowering the holder thereof to cut timber exclusively for mining purposes and domestic use in any part of the bush or forest named in the application, may be issued in the form in Schedule 5 hereto. The fee for every such monthly license shall be 10s.:

Provided that no license shall be issued to any person who may have been twice convicted of a breach of any of these regulations or the regulations under Part XXVIII., for the issue of licenses to cut timber, dated the 23rd December, 1891.

#### *Saw-mill Timber Applications.*

263. Any person, being the owner or lessee of any saw-mill and saw-mill plant, or desirous of cutting timber for sale for *bonâ fide* mining purposes, or any purpose incidental or conducive thereto, or for sale to such saw-mill owner or lessee, shall make application to the Warden for permission, in the form in Schedule 1 hereto, and a copy of such application shall be posted for seven days outside the Warden's office. If no valid objection be made, the Warden may grant a certificate in the form in Schedule 2 hereto, on payment of a fee of 5s. for a certificate which shall be in force for six months, or 10s. for a certificate which shall be in force for twelve months from the date thereof, and such license shall entitle the holder thereof to cut timber, subject to payment of the following royalties: Kauri, totara, matai, silver-pine, and kawaka, 6d. per 100 superficial feet; all other timber, 3d. per 100 feet; and timber cut into blocks for paving sluices, 2d. per 100 superficial feet: Provided that no such certificate shall entitle the holder thereof to cut timber on land within any proclaimed forest reserve; and, within the authorised area as defined in the contract made by the Queen with the New Zealand Midland Railway Company (Limited), dated the 3rd August, 1888, such certificate shall only entitle the holder thereof to cut timber for mining purposes on lands which have been set apart under the said contract for mining purposes.

264. Every applicant for a certificate shall state whether he desires to cut timber for saw-milling or for other purposes.

265. Any person cutting timber outside his boundary-line shall be guilty of a breach of these regulations, and shall pay a royalty of 6d. per 100 superficial feet in respect of the timber so cut.

266. Every holder of a certificate shall point out the extent of his cutting when required so to do by the Warden or any person appointed in writing by him.

267. *Saw-mill Timber Certificates.*—The holder of any saw-mill timber certificate shall be entitled to an area not exceeding 200 acres. He may, however, apply to have an additional adjoining area of 200 acres reserved for him for a period of two years from the date of his certificate, and if he shall within six months have erected a saw-mill and plant, as hereinafter required, he shall, upon relinquishing the certificate for the area first granted, receive a certificate for such additional adjoining area. The holder of every saw-mill timber certificate shall, within six months from the date of his certificate, erect upon the area first granted to him a substantial and fully-equipped saw-mill plant, including all the necessary buildings thereto appertaining, which saw-mill plant must be kept in continuous working operation, unless valid and satisfactory reasons can be given to the Warden for any temporary stoppage. In the event of his neglecting to erect such saw-mill plant within the prescribed time, his certificate shall be null and void. Should at any time the mill be closed for a longer time than the Warden thinks necessary or reasonable, it shall be competent for him to give the holder of such certificate one month's notice in writing, and, should the said holder fail or neglect to resume and continue the *bonâ fide* working of the mill, the Warden shall declare the certificate forfeited, and may immediately declare the saw-mill area open for selection. The holder of such certificate may, within three months of the date of forfeiture, however, remove any building or machinery he may have erected. Whenever the holder of a saw-mill timber certificate applies for a reserved area adjoining the area previously held by him, such last-mentioned area shall be deemed to be worked out, and the land and remaining timber, if any, shall immediately and absolutely revert to the Government: Provided that every saw-mill timber certificate shall be granted subject to the right of any holder of a miner's right, and every person on whose behalf a consolidated miners' right is granted, to cut and remove timber (not being kauri or reserved timber) for fencing a garden or residence area which may be held by him, and also timber for his own domestic use, or for props, caps, laths, sluice-boxes, or paving-blocks for sluice-boxes, in connection with the claim held by him personally or conjointly with his partners, or in which he is working as wages-man, over any area for which a saw-mill timber certificate is issued.

268. *Marking-out Saw-mill Area.*—The applicant for any saw-mill certificate shall, previous to lodging his application, mark out the land applied for by blazing the front- and side-lines, and by placing pegs at each corner angle of such land, such pegs to stand at least 2ft. above the surface of the ground, and to be at least 4in. in diameter; and the Warden may, previous to finally dealing with such application, direct a survey of the land to be made at the expense of the applicant, and may order such applicant to deposit a sufficient sum to cover the expenses of survey before the same be made:

Provided that the Warden shall have power to grant all applications for mining privileges, business sites, and residence areas under the regulations of the 23rd December, 1891, aforesaid, upon any saw-mill area over which a saw-mill certificate may have been issued, and upon any reserved adjoining area; but when granting such mining privilege, business site, or residence area it shall be provided that the holder of a saw-mill certificate shall have the right to cut and remove the timber therefrom on receiving notice so to do from the holder of the mining privilege, business site, or residence area, and, failing the cutting and removal by the holder of the saw-mill timber certificate, then within one month the holder of the mining privilege, business site, or residence area shall have power to cut and remove any timber growing upon the land held by him.