

- (9.) All the aforesaid safety appliances shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector.
- (10.) A printed copy of the foregoing special rules shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place on every dredge, and shall be renewed as often as the same is torn or defaced.
- (11.) It shall be the duty of the owner and manager of the dredge to faithfully comply with the foregoing special rules, and if they fail or neglect so to do they shall be severally guilty of an offence.

*General.*

93. Any requirement, order, or direction of the Inspector under the aforesaid section 206, or these regulations, may be made in writing under his hand addressed in general terms to the person in charge of the mine or dredge, and delivered at the mine or dredge; and it shall be the duty of the owner and manager to faithfully comply therewith.

REGISTRATION OF APPLIANCES AND PROCESSES FOR TREATING ORES AND METALS.

94. A machine license issued pursuant to section 226 of the Mining Act may be in the form numbered            in the First Schedule hereto; and the machine register-book mentioned in subsection (1) of section 229 of the said Act may be in the form numbered            in the same Schedule; and the monthly return mentioned in subsection (11) of the said section 229 may be in the form numbered            in the same Schedule.

WARDEN'S COURT.

*Office-hours.*

95. (1.) The office of the Court shall be open to the public every day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. On Saturdays the office shall be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Sundays and holidays the offices shall be closed all day:

Provided that when the Clerk has to attend more offices than one he shall keep his office open on such days and hours as the Warden from time to time appoints.

(2.) A notice of the office-hours shall be kept posted in some conspicuous place in and outside the office.

*Holidays.*

96. The following days shall be holidays in the Warden's Court and the office thereof, that is to say: the days from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday (inclusive); the days from Christmas Eve to 3rd January (inclusive); the birthday of the reigning Sovereign; the birthday of the Prince of Wales; and in each district the anniversary of the foundation of its province.

*Minute-book, Complaint-book, and Record-book.*

97. The Clerk shall keep a book, to be known as the minute-book, in which shall be entered minutes of all interlocutory proceedings and of all temporary appointments, whether of officers pursuant to the Mining Act, or of office days or hours pursuant to these regulations. He shall also keep a complaint-book in the form numbered           , and a record-book in the form numbered           , in the Fifth Schedule hereto, wherein he shall enter the particulars therein specified.

98. The forms numbered            to            in the Fifth Schedule hereto shall be the forms for use in respect of proceedings in the Warden's Court, or of documents to be filed or lodged therein; and if for any such proceeding there is no form prescribed, the Warden may prescribe the form to be used.

*Fees.*

99. The fees specified in the Sixth Schedule hereto shall be payable in respect of the matter therein mentioned, and the allowances to witnesses in proceedings in the Warden's Court or before the Warden in his administrative capacity shall be those specified in the same Schedule.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINING INDUSTRY.

*Aid to Prospecting Deep Levels.*

100. With respect to the assistance which may be given by the Minister towards prospecting deep levels, the following provisions shall apply:—

- (1.) A "deep level" to prospect quartz lodes shall mean prospecting operations undertaken to prospect auriferous lodes down to a depth of not less than 1,000 ft. below the level of the natural surface of the ground, or such less depth—in no case being less than 750 ft.—as in special circumstances the Minister approves.
- (2.) A "deep level" in alluvial drift shall mean prospecting operations undertaken to prospect alluvial drifts at a depth of not less than 250 ft. below the natural surface of the ground, where it is necessary to erect pumping machinery to lift not less than 250 gallons of water per minute.
- (3.) The number of deep levels for the prospecting whereof assistance may be granted shall be confined to three mining districts—namely, one in the North Island, one in the west of the Middle Island, and one in Otago; and not more than one deep level shall be assisted in any such district at one time.
- (4.) Any person desirous of obtaining assistance for prospecting deep levels shall make application in writing to the Minister, stating the locality and nature of the work proposed to be done.
- (5.) The application shall be accompanied by a plan of the site of the intended prospecting operations, and a statement in detail showing (a) the mode in which it is proposed to carry on such operations; (b) the amount of money proposed to be expended; (c) the character and value of the machinery proposed to be erected; and (d) the total amount