
PETITION.

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To His Honour Sir Henri G. Joly de Lotbinière, K. C. M. G., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, and the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, now in Session Assembled:

The prayer of your petitioners, Free Miners of Atlin District, in mass meeting assembled, humbly sheweth:—

That whereas certain hydraulic leases in the Atlin Lake Mining Division of Cassiar District, B. C., are at present being held without the necessary yearly assessment work being done thereon or the necessary payment being made in lieu thereof:

And whereas great confusion has arisen in the office of the Mining Recorder at Atlin, B. C., through the present system of accepting applications and granting and issuing records of placer and other claims (in many cases for the same ground):

And whereas great delay, inconvenience and loss have been occasioned to the miners through the lack of power to settle disputes, *re* mining property, being vested in the Gold Commissioner, and the fact that a competent Court to settle said disputes sits only for a short session during the summer season:

The necessary steps be taken in the Legislature so that the aforementioned hydraulic leases should revert to the Crown, and not be open for re-location as leases, but be open for location by individual miners, as we know at present that much of the ground at present so held is capable of being worked, in a remunerative manner, for years to come by the individual miner.

And that an improved system of recording be inaugurated, whereby not more than one application be taken, or more than one record be granted for the same ground, and that the officials in the Recording Offices be held responsible for the proper carrying out of the said system, and that Gold Commissioners be empowered and instructed to promptly settle all disputes in respect of all kinds of mining property.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

WM. B. CONROY,
J. L. MUNRO,
JOHN KIRKLAND,
J. H. McCURRY,
A. D. FRASER,
And 244 others.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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