

2. This Act is divided into Parts, as follows :—

- PART I.—Preliminary. (Sections 3 to 8.)
 PART II.—Districts and Appointments. (Sections 9 to 16.)
 PART III.—Lands subject to this Act, and Lands exempted
 5 therefrom. (Sections 17 to 63.)
 PART IV.—Mining Privileges. (Sections 64 to 225.)
 PART V.—Working, Regulation, and Inspection of Mines.
 (Sections 226 to 274.)
 PART VI.—Registration of Appliances and Processes for Treat-
 10 ing Ores and Metals. (Sections 275 to 281.)
 PART VII.—Compensation. (Sections 282 to 292.)
 PART VIII.—Mining Partnerships. (Sections 293 to 303.)
 PART IX.—Administration of Justice. (Sections 304 to 352.)
 PART X.—Miscellaneous Provisions. (Sections 353 to 377.)

Act divided into
 Parts.
 1898, No. 38, sec. 2

15 PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

3. Except where hereinafter otherwise specially provided, nothing
 in this Act contained shall apply to coal or to mining or searching for
 coal.

Act not to apply to
 coal or coal-mining.
 Ibid, sec. 3

20 4. The Governor, by Order in Council gazetted, may from time to
 time declare that any of the provisions of this Act shall apply to mining
 for diamonds and any other specified precious stones, and may also from
 time to time define the districts wherein any such Order in Council shall
 take effect.

Application to
 diamonds and other
 precious stones.
 Ibid, sec. 4

25 5. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation.

“ Act,” as a statutory enactment, includes all regulations made
 thereunder :

Ibid, sec. 5
 1899, No. 29, sec. 6
 (1)

30 “ Claim ” means a parcel of land lawfully taken up and occupied
 under this Act or any former Mining Act for the purpose of
 mining for gold thereon ; but does not include land taken up,
 used, or enjoyed for the purpose of facilitating mining opera-
 tions on a claim :

1902, No. 22, sec. 3
 (2)
 1904, No. 33, sec. 22

“ Clerk ” means Clerk of the Warden’s Court :

35 “ Compiled Acts ” means the Acts mentioned in the First
 Schedule hereto :

40 “ Crown lands ” means all lands whatsoever the title whereto in
 fee-simple is vested in His Majesty, whether by virtue of his
 prerogative or by operation of law, or by any deed or instru-
 ment, whether such lands are unalienated or are alienated by
 way of lease or license for depasturing purposes, or as a small
 grazing-run, under any Act providing for the disposition of
 lands of the Crown ; and includes Native ceded lands, and
 all other lands whatsoever over which His Majesty, or the
 Governor or the Minister on his behalf, by cession, agreement,
 45 or otherwise, possesses the right to authorise the carrying-on
 of mining operations ; but, except where otherwise specially
 provided, does not include—

(a.) Lands held by His Majesty on any trust, express
 or implied, in favour of any person ; nor

50 (b.) Lands held by His Majesty but dedicated to any
 public purpose ; nor

(c.) Public reserves and endowments within the meaning
 of this Act :