



## CHAPTER 56.

An Act respecting Lightning Creek Gold Gravels  
and Drainage Company (Limited Liability).

[17th April, 1896.]

**W**HEREAS a petition has been presented by the Lightning Creek Preamble.  
Gold Gravels and Drainage Company, Limited Liability (hereinafter called "the Company," praying for an Act to consolidate the several placer mining leases now held by it into one property with a more lasting and secure title thereto than it now has, upon such terms as may seem just :

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petition :

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

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to demise to the Company and its assigns, for a term of twenty years, the several properties set forth and described in the Schedule to this Act, with power to work, win, extract, remove and retain, for its own use, all mines and minerals, including the precious metals therein contained, at a rental of one thousand dollars per annum, granting to the Company the privilege of a renewal for a further term of twenty years, upon such terms as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Lieut.-Governor may demise properties in Schedule for term of 20 years.

2. The Company shall have the rights, powers and privileges conferred on bed-rock flume companies by section 103, "Placer Mining Act, 1891," and in addition to all other rights and privileges conferred by this Act, or otherwise enjoyed by it, shall have the following rights, powers and privileges :—

Bed-rock flumes.

1891, c. 26, s. 103.

(a.) The power to construct a tunnel or flume or bed-rock flume from above the lower line of the Big Bonanza placer dam, on

Rights of grantee.

Lightning Creek, Cariboo, to the upper end of the Van Winkle placer dam :

- (b.) The right to a mineral claim, as defined by the "Mineral Act, 1891," on each vein or lode discovered in such tunnel, bed-rock flume or flume not already included in any existing mineral claim lawfully held :
- (c.) The right, within the limits of properties mentioned in subsection (a) to construct and maintain a bed-rock flume, tunnel or flume of such dimensions as may be determined, together with the right to enter upon lands held by other persons, and use ten feet thereof on each side of the flume or tunnel, for the purpose of construction, maintenance and repairs :
- (d.) The right to all unrecorded mining ground on the line of the flume for three hundred feet on each side thereof :
- (e.) The right, for the purpose of working the flume, bed-rock flume or tunnel, to the use of the waters of Lightning Creek and its tributaries flowing into the flume, subject to all existing rights: Provided, however, that free miners working along the line of the flume shall, without obstructing the flume or the free working thereof, be at liberty to take from the flume such water as they may require for mining purposes, but upon condition that they shall return the water so taken with the least possible waste to the bed of the flume :
- (f.) It shall be lawful for the Company to construct dams, flumes and ditches and tunnels on the banks, benches or hills contiguous to the properties mentioned in the Schedule, of such size, length, capacity, and at such elevation as may be suitable for working any of the Company's property :
- (g.) The Directors of the Company may, from time to time, sell and dispose of fully paid-up and non-assessable preference or ordinary shares of the Company at such less sum than the face value thereof as may be authorized by a majority in value of the shareholders present or represented by written proxy at any special meeting to be called and held for that purpose. And the purchaser or purchasers of such preference or ordinary shares shall not, on that account, be in any manner liable for or charged with the payment of any debt or demand due by the Company :
- (h.) The right and privilege to charge and collect from any person or persons, corporation or corporations, that may be benefited by the aforesaid flume, bed-rock flume or tunnel, such charges and remuneration as may be agreed upon between the Company and the benefited party.

3. The lease hereby authorized, shall contain a covenant on the part of the Company to expend on the said hereditaments, or some part thereof, in the working and development of the property, not less than the sum of ten thousand dollars per annum. Annual expenditure of \$10,000.

4. The lease or leases hereby authorized shall contain a covenant on the part of the Company that the said Company or its agents will not employ a Chinese or Japanese person in, about, or on the property demised, or on any part thereof, or on the work in connection therewith, under sufficient penalty to enforce the observance of the covenant. Anti-Chinese clause.

5. This Act may be cited as the "Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company (Limited Liability) Act, 1896." Short title.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

O. Harvey, January 23rd, 1896, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

James Reed, January 23rd, 1896, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

J. J. McKay, January 23rd, 1896, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

J. A. Frazer, January 23rd, 1896, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

James Pecbles, December 2nd, 1895, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

Robert McLeese, December 2nd, 1895, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

Wm. Adams, December 2nd, 1895, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

Stephen Tingley, December 2nd, 1895, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

John Boyd, December 2nd, 1895, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.

F. S. Reynolds, December 2nd, 1895, lease on Lightning Creek of 800 feet by 2,640 feet.