

(2.) For an extended claim, 5 acres.

(3.) For a special claim, 100 acres.

28. The form of dredging or river claims may have relation to the course of the stream in or on the bed or bank of which they are worked, and with respect to such claims the following provisions shall apply :—

(1.) For an ordinary claim the area shall not exceed 1 acre, and not more than 3 chains of the course of the stream shall be comprised therein.

(2.) For an extended claim the area shall not exceed 5 acres, and not more than 15 chains of the course of the stream shall be comprised therein.

(3.) For a special claim the area shall not exceed 100 acres, and not more than three miles of the course of the stream shall be comprised therein.

(4.) The course of the stream shall in each case be measured along the centre of the bed of the stream.

29. With respect to the area and dimensions of quartz claims, the following provisions shall apply :—

(1.) For an ordinary claim the area shall not exceed 1 acre, and not more than 200 ft. of the length of any supposed reef shall be comprised therein.

(2.) For an extended claim the area shall not exceed 5 acres, and not more than 500 ft. of the length of any supposed reef shall be comprised therein.

(3.) For a special claim the area shall not exceed 100 acres.

30. With respect to the area, form, and dimensions of sea-beach claims, the following provisions shall apply :—

(1.) The claim shall be bounded on the shoreward side by a straight line parallel, as near as may be, to the mean frontage-line of the shore at high-water mark, within the boundaries, but at no point distant more than 500 ft. above high-water mark; and on the seaward side by straight lines at right angles to the shoreward line, and extending seawards.

(2.) For an ordinary claim the area shall not exceed 1 acre, and the length of frontage to the shore at high-water mark shall not exceed 200 ft.

(3.) For an extended claim the area shall not exceed 5 acres, and the length of frontage to the shore at high-water mark shall not exceed 500 ft.

(4.) For a special claim the area shall not exceed 100 acres, and the length of frontage to the shore at high-water mark shall not exceed one mile.

31. The foregoing provisions as to forms, areas, and dimensions of claims shall apply for the purpose of taking up the claims; but, whatever the class or subdivision under which a claim is taken up, it shall,

for the purposes of the labour conditions, be deemed to be a dredging claim whilst being worked by a dredge.

MARKING-OUT OF CLAIMS AND OTHER MINING PRIVILEGES.

32. The marking-out of a claim or other mining privilege by the person who desires and is qualified to take up the same shall be done by marking out the same at the boundaries of the land in manner following :—

(1.) At every angle or corner of each boundary-line, or as near thereto as is practicable, there shall be erected pegs of substantial material, standing not less than 2 ft. above the surface of the ground, and being not less than 3 in. square, or, in the case of a round peg, being not less than 3 in. in diameter.

(2.) If pegs are not available, there may be used in lieu thereof cairns of stones or mounds of earth, having in each case a height of not less than 2 ft., and a diameter at the base of not less than 18 in.

(3.) The direction of the boundary-line on each side of each peg shall be indicated with reasonable clearness by a trench, having a length of at least 5 ft. along the boundary-line on each side of the peg, and a depth and breadth of at least 6 in. :

Provided that, if trenches cannot conveniently be cut, the direction of the boundary-line may be indicated by substantially fixed finger-posts, or by tree-blazing, or in any other manner reasonably sufficient for the purpose.

(4.) The pegs, cairns, or mounds shall bear or have affixed thereto some one distinguishing mark.

(5.) In the case of a sea-beach claim, it shall not be necessary to mark it out below high-water mark.

(6.) In the case of a dredging or river claim which comprises any portion of the bed of a stream, the boundaries of the claim shall extend to both banks of the stream as existing at the time when the claim was marked out, unless the Warden otherwise authorises.

(7.) When the boundary of the mining privilege is on the bank or in the bed of a water-course, then, in so far as it is not practicable to mark such boundary by means of pegs, cairns, mounds, tree-blazing, or trenches, it shall be sufficient if in lieu thereof arrow-headed marks (thus, \blacktriangleright) are cut or clearly indicated upon trees, rocks, or other fixed natural objects above high-flood mark at every corner or angle of each boundary-line, or as