

40. Every coal-mine owner in the district shall file all notifications by the Medical Club of the sum per week payable by each member employed by him, and all receipts of payment to the said fund; these, together with the books of account relating to deductions from members' wages and payments of same to the said fund, and the books of the post-office savings-bank account of the said fund, shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any Inspector of Mines or other officer duly authorized by the Minister in that behalf, who may take such extracts therefrom as he may require.

41. The trustees shall once at least in every year submit the books of account of the fund for audit, either to one of the Public Auditors appointed under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, or to two persons appointed as auditors in accordance with the rules of the Medical Club, and a copy of the report of such audit shall be forwarded to the Minister of Mines.

42. An amount not exceeding five per cent. per annum of the moneys paid into the said fund may be used to meet the expenses of management of the said fund.

43. Every person employed in, upon, or about a coal-mine, the owner of which has been notified of the formation of the said club, shall be deemed to be members of such Medical Club. Employees under the age of eighteen shall be considered as half members, and shall contribute half the rate paid by adult members. Members shall be entitled to benefit as soon as their first payments have been made.

44. When any member of a Medical Club is unable to follow his employment on account of sickness he shall be paid such sum per week and for such period as may be provided in the rules of the club; provided that no payment shall be made for the first fourteen days' sickness.

45. Whenever any sum of money is withdrawn by the trustees from the said fund, the trustees shall give to the Inspector of Mines residing nearest to the post-office savings-bank where the said fund is kept full particulars of the sum or sums so withdrawn.

46. The Minister of Mines may from time to time, and subject to such conditions as he may impose, authorize the transfer of moneys in a Sick and Accident Fund or a Coal-miners' Relief Fund to a Coal-miners' Medical Fund for the benefit of such of its members as are employed in or about a mine.

47. An application by a Medical Club for the transfer of such moneys shall be made in the first place to the Minister, and such application shall set forth the reason why and for what purpose the transfer is required, and the sum to be transferred.

48. A proper account shall be kept of the amounts transferred under the authority of the Minister as aforesaid, and of particulars of all withdrawals and disbursements therefrom, and a return of these transactions shall be sent to the Minister with a yearly return of the transactions of the Coal-miners' Medical Club.

COAL-MINING LEASES AND PROSPECTING LICENSES.

49. Every application for a coal-mining lease or a license to prospect for coal shall be made in such of the forms numbered 9 and 10 as is applicable.

50. The application shall be transmitted to the office of the Warden (in the case of land situated in a mining district) or the Commissioner of Crown Lands (in the case of land not within a mining district) by post or otherwise, and in the event of its reaching the office after office hours the time of filing shall be deemed to be the hour when the office is next open for business.

51. The land applied for shall be marked out in the manner provided by clause 67 of these regulations; and unless this rule is complied with the application shall be deemed to be void.

52. The application shall in every case contain an address for service, which shall be in the same district as the office in which the application is filed, and all notices to be served on the applicant shall be deemed to be validly served if served at such address.

53. When filing the application there shall also be lodged with the Mining Registrar or Commissioner, by or on behalf of the applicant, such number of duplicate originals thereof, being in no case less than two nor more than five, as the Registrar or the Commissioner may require.

54. The sums to be lodged with the Receiver under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 8 of the said Act, to abide the disposal of the application, shall, according to the nature of the application, be the sums set forth in Form 13 in the Schedule hereto:

Provided that the sums deposited under these regulations as rental shall be refunded to the persons entitled thereto without deduction in the event of the application not being granted.

55. The Warden or Commissioner, before disposing of the application, shall satisfy himself that the sums lodged as aforesaid are sufficient to pay all fees and other charges

in respect whereof the lodgment has been made, and they shall be applied in payment thereof accordingly, and the surplus (if any) shall be returned to the person entitled thereto.

56. As soon as practicable after the filing of the application and the lodging of the duplicate originals the Registrar or Commissioner shall minute thereon the time and place of hearing appointed by the Warden or Commissioner (such time being not less than the sixteenth day after the day of the filing of the application), and, for public information, shall affix one of the duplicates, or an abstract of its subject-matter, in a conspicuous place outside the Courthouse where the application is to be heard.

57. On the day on which the application is filed, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the applicant shall notify every person who to his knowledge is in occupation of the land, or any part of the land, comprised in the application, or has any estate or interest therein, or any interest which will be obviously affected by the grant of the application, by posting to him at his last known place of business or abode a registered letter containing a copy of the minuted application or of the advertisement thereof, or by delivering such copy to him personally.

58. On the day on which the application is filed, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the applicant shall post up on the ground applied for, in some conspicuous position, a duplicate original of the minuted application, and shall there maintain the same until the day appointed for the hearing.

59. If any person desires to object to the application he shall, by himself, his solicitor, or registered agent, not later than three days before the time appointed for the hearing, give notice thereof by filing in the Registrar's office a notice in the form numbered 11 in the Schedule hereto, and by serving on the applicant a duplicate original of such notice.

60. Such notice shall in every case contain an address for service, which shall be in the same district as the office in which the notice is filed, and all notices to be served on the objector shall be deemed to be validly served if served at such address.

61. At any stage of the proceedings the Warden or Commissioner may allow the application to be amended in any particular, upon such terms as to notices, adjournment, costs, and otherwise as he thinks fit.

62. In any case where, in respect of any application or objection, the foregoing provisions relating to the time or mode of giving, posting up, maintaining, or serving any notice are not duly complied with, the Warden or Commissioner, if satisfied that such non-compliance is not wilful, may in his discretion waive the same, or extend the time, upon such terms as to notices, adjournment, costs, and otherwise as he thinks fit.

63. If the applicant does not desire to appear, the declaration referred to in paragraph (p) of subsection (1) of section 8 of the said Act shall be in the form numbered 12 in the Schedule hereto.

64. All applications shall be numbered consecutively by the Registrar according to the order of time in which they are filed, and he shall record them in the same order and with the same numbers in a book to be called the "Application Record-book."

65. The appointment and notification by the Warden or Commissioner as to the time and place for the hearing of any application, or for the holding of any preliminary inquiry, may be made by him in such manner as he thinks fit, and may in like manner be made by any officer acting under the general instructions of the Warden or Commissioner.

66. (1.) Every application to the Minister under section 15, subsection (1), of the said Act, for any right in respect of the timber, trees, metals, or minerals excepted out of any coal lease by subsection (1) (c) and (d) of section 15 may be made to the Warden nearest to the place where the lands are situated, in the manner prescribed by section 8 of the said Act, the provisions of which shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply.

(2.) The Warden shall hear such application and any objections thereto, and shall forward the application to the Minister, together with a copy of the evidence taken at the hearing and with his recommendation thereon; and the Minister may, in his discretion, refuse the right applied for, or may grant the same on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit.

MARKING-OUT.

67. The marking-out by the person who desires and is qualified to take up a lease or prospecting license shall be done by marking out the same at the boundaries of the land in manner following:—

(a.) 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.