As to Compensation payable by the Crown in respect of Water-courses set apart for Discharge of Tailings.

100. The claim for compensation to be prescribed under section 133 of the Mining Act may be made in the form numbered 61 in the First-Schedule hereto, or to that effect.

## General as to Compensation payable by the Crown.

101. Subject as last aforesaid, all claims for compensation against His Majesty under the Mining Act may be made in such of the forms provided by the Public Works Act, 1908, as are applicable, with all such modifications and alterations as the circumstances require.

#### STATISTICS.

102. (1.) Every holder of a claim shall, during the month of January in each year, forward to the Inspector a return, in the form numbered 62 in the First Schedule hereto, under the hand of the holder or manager of the claim, setting forth in respect of such claim the particulars mentioned therein for the year ending on the last day of the preceding month. (2.) Every holder of a water-race license shall, during the

month of January in each year, forward to the Mining Registrar a return in the form numbered 63 in the First Schedule hereto. under the hand of the holder or manager of the water-race, setting forth in respect of such water-race the particulars mentioned therein for the year ending on the last day of the

preceding month.

103. Every bank, by some responsible officer thereof, and every gold-buyer other than a bank, shall, during the month of January in each year, forward to the Inspector a return in the form numbered 64 in the First Schedule hereto, under the hand of such officer or buyer, setting forth the particulars therein mentioned for the year ending on the last day of the preceding month.

#### DUPLICATES OF DOCUMENTS LOST OR DESTROYED.

104. For the purposes of the issue of duplicates of lost or destroyed documents under the provisions in that behalf contained in section 433 (2) of the Mining Act, the following provisions shall apply:

(1.) The application for the duplicate may be in the form numbered 65 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be filed in the office of the Registrar, but need not be notified or advertised.

(2.) The statutory declaration embodied in the application

shall be exempt from stamp duty. (3.) The Warden, if satisfied with the proof of loss, may

order the Registrar to issue a duplicate, and in such case the Registrar shall issue the same accordingly.

(4.) The duplicate shall be a copy of the original, with the addition of the words—

"Duplicate, issued this day of, 19, in lieu of the original, which has been lost [or]

destroyed].

" A.B., Registrar." (5.) The application may be disposed of summarily at any time after it is filed.

(6.) The only fee payable shall be the application fee of 3s.

## TIMBER-CUTTING RIGHTS.

# As to Holder of Miner's Right or Mining Privilege.

105. The holder of a miner's right shall, as such holder, and without application to the Warden, be entitled to cut and use for his own domestic purposes, or for the purposes of erecting any building or fence on any mining privilege held by him (but for no other purpose), any timber growing or standing on any available unalienated Crown land open for mining:

Provided that the rights conferred by this regulation shall

not be exercisable in respect of-

(a.) Land comprised in any mining privilege held by any

other person; nor in respect of (b.) Kauri-trees or any such trees as are reserved by the Warden.

106. (1.) The rights by the last preceding clause of these regulations conferred upon the holder of a miner's right shall, in the case of the holder of a mining privilege, be exercisable by such last-mentioned holder in respect of timber (other than kauri or reserved trees) growing or standing on the land comprised in such mining privilege or, in so far as suitable timber is not obtainable on such land, then on any other available unalienated Crown land open for mining, nevertheless for the purposes only of his own domestic use, or of the erection of buildings or fences on such first-mentioned land, or the carrying-on of his mining operations thereon.

(2.) The holder of such mining privilege shall be entitled to do such cutting of timber, if such holder shall so desire,

either on wages or by a contract for the cutting and delivery of such timber, as such holder may require for any of the purposes aforesaid; provided, however, that in the latter case the contractor or contractors shall be employed solely by the holder of such mining privilege; and provided, more-over, that for each separate contract the holder of the mining privilege shall obtain a license under Part X of the Land Act, 1924, and shall pay the fees and royalty prescribed thereunder.

## FEES IN RESPECT OF MINING PRIVILEGES.

107. Subject to the specific provisions of the Mining Act and these regulations relating to specific fees, the fees specified in the Sixth Schedule hereto shall be payable in respect of the matters therein mentioned.

#### WARDEN'S COURT.

### Office Hours.

108. (1.) The office of the Court shall be open to the public every day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. On Saturdays the office shall be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Sundays and holidays the office shall be closed:

Provided that when the Clerk has to attend more offices

than one he shall keep his office open on such days and hours as the Warden from time to time appoints.

(2.) A notice of the office hours shall be kept posted in some

conspicuous place in and outside the office.

#### Holidays.

109. The following days shall be holidays in the Warden's Court and the offices thereof, that is to say: The days from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday (inclusive); the days from Christmas Eve to 3rd January (inclusive), and all statutory holidays; and in each district the anniversary of the foundation of its province.

#### Minute-book, Plaint-book, Record-book, &c.

110. The Clerk shall keep a book, to be known as the minutebook, in which shall be entered minutes of all interlocutory proceedings and of all temporary appointments, whether of officers pursuant to the Mining Act or of office days or hour, pursuant to these regulations. He shall also keep a plaint-book in the form numbered 66 in the Third Schedule hereto, and a record-book in the form numbered 67 in the Third Schedule hereto, wherein he shall enter the particulars

therein specified.

111. The forms numbered 68 to 87 in the Third Schedule hereto may be used in respect of proceedings in the Warden's Court, or of documents to be filed or lodged therein, and if for any such proceedings there is no form prescribed, the Warden may prescribe the form to be used.

112. The fees specified in the Sixth Schedule hereto shall be payable in respect of the matters therein mentioned, and the allowance to witnesses in proceedings in the Warden's Court shall be those specified in the same Schedule.

# DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINING INDUSTRY. Aid to prospecting Deep Levels.

113. With respect to the assistance which may be given

by the Minister or local authority towards prospecting deep levels, the following provisions shall apply:

(1.) A "deep level" to prospect quartz lodes shall mean prospecting operations undertaken to prospect auriferous lodes down to a depth of not less than 1,000 ft. below the level of the natural surface of the ground, or such less doubth, in no case being less than 150 ft. or such less depth—in no case being less than 150 ft.
—as in special circumstances the Minister or the local authority approves.

(2.) A "deep level" in alluvial drift shall mean prospecting

operations undertaken to prospect alluvial drifts at a depth of not less than 250 ft. below the natural surface of the ground, where it is necessary to erect pumping machinery to lift not less than 250 gallons

of water per minute.

(3.) The number of deep levels for the prospecting whereof assistance may be granted shall be confined to three mining districts—namely, one in the North Island, one in the west of the South Island, and one in Otago, and not more than one deep level shall be assisted in any such district at one time.

(4.) Any person desirous of obtaining assistance for prospecting deep levels shall make application in writing to the Minister or local authority, stating the locality and nature of the work proposed to be done.