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TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO MINES.

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[20th March, 1882.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Mines Regulations Law.

Interpreta-  
tion of "oil."

2. In this Law the word "oil" includes "gas."

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tion licence.  
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3. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law or any other Law, the Governor in Council may issue to any person making application therefor a licence to explore for oil (hereinafter in this Law called "an oil exploration licence") over such areas, for such periods, on such terms and conditions, and on payment of such fees as to the Governor in Council shall seem fit.

(2) Before an oil exploration licence is issued the applicant therefor shall produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that he possesses or commands sufficient working capital and technical knowledge or assistance to ensure proper and adequate exploration for oil of the area to be explored.

Conditions  
implied as  
to com-  
pensation.  
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4. There shall be implied in every oil exploration licence—

(a) an obligation on the part of the holder of such licence to pay compensation to any owner or

occupier of any land within the area specified in such licence and of surrounding land, for any damage caused in the process of exploration for oil to any surface rights which shall have been created before or after the grant of such licence; and where the Governor is of the opinion that the exploration is likely to cause such damage, he may, before such licence is granted, require the applicant therefor to give such security against damage, either by way of deposit or otherwise, as he may think fit, and on the security being given such owner or occupier shall not be entitled to restrain the exploration by action or otherwise;

- (b) an obligation on the part of the holder of such licence to indemnify and keep indemnified the Governor and every officer of the Government against all actions, claims and demands whatsoever which may be made or brought by any persons in respect of any damage or injury which may be done to their property by such holder in the exercise of the powers conferred on him by his licence and against all costs and expenses relating thereto.

5. Subject to the provisions of section 3 and to the terms and conditions in his oil exploration licence contained the holder thereof shall have the exclusive right to enter upon any lands within the area specified in such licence for himself, his agents or workmen, for the purpose of exploring for oil.

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6. Upon the completion of the exploration of the area specified in any oil exploration licence to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council and in accordance with the terms and conditions of such licence the holder thereof shall have the right to obtain, at any time prior to the expiration of such licence, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the law in force for the time being, a permit to prospect for oil over such portion or portions of the said area as may be selected by him.

Right of holder of oil exploration licence to obtain permit to prospect for oil.  
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7. No oil exploration licence issued under this Law shall operate so as to prevent any person otherwise entitled to do so from prospecting or conducting mining operations over the area specified in such licence for mineral substances

Saving.  
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other than oil or so as to prevent the Government from issuing a permit, licence or lease for such purpose over such area:

Provided that such prospecting or mining operations shall not interfere with or injure the exploration work under the oil exploration licence.

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prospecting  
permit.  
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8. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law or any other Law, no person shall prospect for oil without a permit by the Governor in Council. A permit to prospect for oil may be issued to such persons, over such areas, for such periods, and on such conditions as to the Governor in Council shall seem fit, provided always that every such oil permit shall contain an undertaking to make compensation for damage and that security for the same shall be taken in such amount as the Governor in Council shall prescribe. No permit to prospect for oil shall operate to prevent any person otherwise entitled to do so from prospecting over the same area for mineral substances other than oil or to prevent the Governor from issuing a permit for such purpose, provided that such prospecting work shall not injure the prospecting work under the permit to prospect for oil.

Licence to  
work oil.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law or any other Law, the Governor in Council may grant a licence to such persons, over such areas, for such periods, and on such conditions as to the Governor in Council may seem fit, to mine and win oil. Such licence shall provide a royalty to be taken by the Government at a rate and in manner to be provided in the said licence. Provided always that such licence shall contain an undertaking to make compensation for damage and that security for the same shall be taken in such amount as the Governor in Council shall prescribe. If the licensees cannot obtain the consent of the landowners to sell to the licensees the land required for the exploitation of the mine, they may, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, purchase the said land upon payment to the owners of double the value thereof, to be assessed by some person to be appointed for the purpose by the Governor.