

SEC. 2. That all the construction and use provided for herein shall be under such regulations and rentals as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may make in connection therewith: *Provided*, That the permission herein granted shall be exercised so as not to conflict or interfere with any pipe line or lines for the carriage of petroleum and its products now permitted to occupy either of the streets hereinbefore mentioned.

Regulations, etc., by commissioners.

SEC. 3. That the Congress reserves the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act at any time.

Proviso.
Existing permits not disturbed.

Approved, February 5, 1927.

Amendment.

CHAP. 66.—An Act To promote the mining of potash on the public domain.

February 7, 1927.
[H. R. 5243.]
[Public, No. 579.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to grant to any qualified applicant a prospecting permit which shall give the exclusive right to prospect for chlorides, sulphates, carbonates, borates, silicates, or nitrates of potassium in lands belonging to the United States for a period of not exceeding two years: *Provided*, That the area to be included in such a permit shall not exceed two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land in reasonably compact form: *Provided further*, That the prospecting provisions of this Act shall not apply to lands and deposits in or adjacent to Searles Lake, California, which lands may be leased by the Secretary of the Interior under the terms and provisions of this Act.

Potash.
Permits to prospect for salts of potassium on public lands.
Ante, p. 768.
Post, p. 1220.

Provisos.
Area limited.

Searles Lake, Calif. excepted.

SEC. 2. That upon showing to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that valuable deposits of one of the substances enumerated in this Act has been discovered by the permittee within the area covered by his permit, and that such land is chiefly valuable therefor, the permittee shall be entitled to a lease for any or all of the land embraced in the prospecting permit, at a royalty of not less than 2 per centum of the quantity or gross value of the output of potassium compounds and other related products, except sodium, at the point of shipment to market, such lease to be taken in compact form by legal subdivisions of the public land surveys, or if the land be not surveyed, by survey executed at the cost of the permittee in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Lease to permittee on discovery.

Royalty.

SEC. 3. That lands known to contain valuable deposits enumerated in this Act and not covered by permits or leases shall be held subject to lease by the Secretary of the Interior through advertisement, competitive bidding, or such other methods as he may by general regulations adopt, and in such areas as he shall fix, not exceeding two thousand five hundred and sixty acres; all leases to be conditioned upon the payment by the lessee of such royalty as may be fixed in the lease, not less than 2 per centum of the quantity or gross value of the output of potassium compounds and other related products, except sodium, at the point of shipment to market, and the payment in advance of a rental of 25 cents per acre for the first calendar year or fraction thereof; 50 cents per acre for the second, third, fourth, and fifth years, respectively; and \$1 per acre per annum thereafter during the continuance of the lease, such rental for any year being credited against royalties accruing for that year. Leases under this Act shall be for a period of 20 years, with preferential right in the lessee to renew the same for successive periods of ten years upon such reasonable terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, unless otherwise provided

Leases of lands with known deposits of potassium salts.

Rates of royalty, except sodium.

Rental.

Term of lease.

Discretionary rental exemption.

Permits, etc., for potassium in other mineral lands.

Provisos. Inclusion of development of other mineral salts.

Conditions. Vol. 41, p. 437.

Veins of valuable minerals subject to general mining laws.

Leasing Act provisions applicable. Vol. 41, pp. 437, 448-451.

Former Act repealed. Vol. 40, p. 297, repealed.

Pending claims, etc., not affected.

February 7, 1927, [H. R. 7563.] [Public, No. 580.]

Patents. R. S., sec. 4900, p. 948, amended.

Marking articles with "patent" and number thereof, required.

Proviso. Issued prior to April 1, 1927, may have "Patented" and date of issue.

No suit for infringement unless so marked.

by law at the expiration of such periods. In the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior the area involved in any lease resulting from a prospecting permit may be exempt from any rental in excess of 25 cents per acre for twenty years succeeding its issue, and the production of potassium compounds under such a lease may be exempt from any royalty in excess of the minimum prescribed in this Act for the same period.

SEC. 4. That prospecting permits or leases may be issued under the provisions of this Act for deposits of potassium in public lands, also containing deposits of coal or other minerals, on condition that such other deposits be reserved to the United States for disposal under appropriate laws: *Provided*, That if the interests of the Government and of the lessee will be subserved thereby, potassium leases may include covenants providing for the development by the lessee of chlorides, sulphates, carbonates, borates, silicates, or nitrates of sodium, magnesium, aluminum, or calcium, associated with the potassium deposits leased, on terms and conditions not inconsistent with the sodium provisions of the Act of February 25, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes at Large, page 437): *Provided further*, That where valuable deposits of mineral now subject to disposition under the general mining laws are found in fissure veins on any of the lands subject to permit or lease under this Act, the valuable minerals so found shall continue subject to disposition under the said general mining laws notwithstanding the presence of potash therein.

SEC. 5. That the general provisions of sections 1 and 26 to 38, inclusive, of the Act of February 25, 1920, entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain," are made applicable to permits and leases under this Act, the first and thirty-seventh sections thereof being amended to include deposits of potassium.

SEC. 6. That the Act of October 2, 1917 (Fortieth Statutes at Large, page 297), entitled "An Act to authorize exploration for and disposition of potassium," is hereby repealed, but this repeal shall not affect pending applications for permits or leases filed prior to January 1, 1926, or valid claims existent at date of the passage of this Act and thereafter maintained in compliance with the laws under which initiated, which claims may be perfected under such laws, including discovery.

Approved, February 7, 1927.

CHAP. 67.—An Act To amend section 4900 of the United States Revised Statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4900 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall be amended to read as follows:

"It shall be the duty of all patentees and their assigns and legal representatives, and of all persons making or vending any patented article for or under them, to give sufficient notice to the public that the same is patented; either by fixing thereon the word 'patent,' together with the number of the patent, or when, from the character of the article, this can not be done, by fixing to it, or to the package wherein one or more of them is inclosed, a label containing the like notice: *Provided, however*, That with respect to any patent issued prior to April 1, 1927, it shall be sufficient to give such notice in the form following, viz: 'Patented,' together with the day and year the patent was granted; and in any suit for infringement by the party failing so to mark, no damages shall be recovered by the