

ment and retirement, at the option of the land bank, at any time after the minimum period specified in the bonds, which shall not be longer than ten years from the date of their issue. They shall have interest coupons attached, payable semiannually, and shall be issued in series of not less than \$50,000, the amount and terms to be fixed by the Federal Farm Loan Board. They shall bear a rate of interest not to exceed 5 per centum per annum."

Approved, March 4, 1921.

Period extended to ten years.

Interest limit.

CHAP. 152.—An Act To amend section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes," approved October 24, 1914.

March 4, 1921.

[S. 4864.]

[Public, No. 380.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes," approved October 24, 1914, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to said section the following proviso:

Alaska coal lands. Vol. 38, p. 742, amended. Leasing provisions.

And provided further, That where prospecting or exploratory work is necessary to determine the existence or workability of coal deposits in any unclaimed, undeveloped area in Alaska, the Secretary of the Interior may issue prospecting permits for a term of not to exceed four years, under such rules and regulations and conditions as to development as he may prescribe, to applicants qualified under this Act, for not to exceed two thousand five hundred and sixty acres, and if within the time specified in said permit the permittee shows to the Secretary of the Interior that the land contains coal in commercial quantities, the permittee shall be entitled to a lease under this Act for all or any part of the land in his permit.

Prospecting permits authorized.

Area.

Lease to permittee if coal found.

Approved, March 4, 1921.

CHAP. 153.—An Act To authorize the coinage of a 50-cent piece in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Missouri into the Union.

March 4, 1921.

[S. 4893.]

[Public, No. 381.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Missouri into the Union there shall be coined at the mints of the United States 50-cent pieces to the number of two hundred and fifty thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Missouri centennial. Silver 50-cent pieces to be coined in commemoration of.

Number.

Legal tender.

Coinage laws made applicable.

SEC. 2. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting for security of the coin, or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: *Provided,* That the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

Proviso. No expense for dies etc.

Approved, March 4, 1921.