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the proceedings at such conferences. The committee shall also arrange for the publication of the results of the annual and special conferences.

Expenditures.

SEC. 4. That all expenditures authorized by the trustees shall be paid exclusively from the accrued income and not from the principal of the foundation.

Property holdings. Limit.

SEC. 5. That the trustees herein named are authorized to hold real and personal estate in the District of Columbia to an amount not exceeding three million dollars, and to use and dispose of the same for the purposes of this foundation.

Principal office, etc.

SEC. 6. That the principal office of the foundation shall be located in the District of Columbia, but offices may be maintained and meetings of the trustees and committees may be held in other places, to be provided for in by-laws to be adopted from time to time by the trustees, for the proper execution of the purposes of the foundation.

Cooperation with other societies.

SEC. 7. That the Foundation for the Promotion of Industrial Peace is hereby authorized and empowered, at its discretion, to cooperate with any institutions or societies having similar or like purposes.

Effect.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall take effect immediately on its passage.

Approved, March 2, 1907.

March 2, 1907.
[H. R. 8984.]
[Public, No. 218.]

CHAP. 2559.—An Act To amend the laws governing labor or improvements upon mining claims in Alaska.

Alaska.
Annual improvements, etc., required on mining claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during each year and until patent has been issued therefor, at least one hundred dollars' worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made on, or for the benefit or development of, in accordance with existing law, each mining claim in the district of Alaska heretofore or hereafter located.

Filing affidavits.

And the locator or owner of such claim or some other person having knowledge of the facts may also make and file with the said recorder of the district in which the claims shall be situate an affidavit showing the performance of labor or making of improvements to the amount of one hundred dollars as aforesaid and specifying the character and extent of such work.

Contents.

Such affidavit shall set forth the following: First, the name or number of the mining claims and where situated; second, the number of days work done and the character and value of the improvements placed thereon; third, the date of the performance of such labor and of making improvements; fourth, at whose instance the work was done or the improvements made; fifth, the actual amount paid for work and improvement, and by whom paid when the same was not done by the owner.

Prima facie evidence of performance of work, etc.

Such affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the performance of such work or making of such improvements, but if such affidavits be not filed within the time fixed by this Act the burden of proof shall be upon the claimant to establish the performance of such annual work and improvements.

Forfeiture.

And upon failure of the locator or owner of any such claim to comply with the provisions of this Act, as to performance of work and improvements, such claim shall become forfeited and open to location by others as if no location of the same had ever been made.

Officer before whom affidavits may be made.
R. S., sec. 5392, 5393, p. 1045.

The affidavits required hereby may be made before any officer authorized to administer oaths, and the provisions of sections fifty-three hundred and ninety-two and fifty-three hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statues are hereby extended to such affidavits.

Time of filing.

Said affidavits shall be filed not later than ninety days after the close of the year in which such work is performed.

Fee.

SEC. 2. That the recorders for the several divisions or districts of Alaska shall collect the sum of one dollar and fifty cents as a fee for the filing, recording, and indexing said annual proofs of work and improvements for each claim so recorded.

Approved, March 2, 1907.