

Repealed by 25 of 1911

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 3.—1910.

28th February.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Oil Mining.

[L.S.]

GEORGE R. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

17th March, 1910.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Oil Mining Ordinance, 1910. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance the term

“Crude oil” means the natural produce of the wells or springs of oil before the same has been refined or otherwise treated.

Interpretation.

“Products” means the constituents of such crude oil, which are obtained by such separation as is ordinarily effected in a petroleum refinery, and includes the petroleum spirit and illuminating oils and oil fuel.

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to have right
of pre-emption.

3. His Majesty's Government shall have the right of pre-emption of all crude oil and products thereof, at a price to be agreed upon between the owners or producers of such oil and products and the said Government. In the event of no agreement being come to as to such price, the price shall be the commercial value of such oil or products to be determined by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by the Governor and the other by the owner or producer of such oil or products, and in case of difference, by an umpire to be appointed by the arbitrators before entering upon the consideration of the question.

Export of oil
prohibited
after notice
in Gazette.

4. After publication in the *Royal Gazette* of a notice that His Majesty's Government is desirous of purchasing crude oil or products, it shall not be lawful for any person during the next following twelve months to export any crude oil or products unless and until he first offers to sell the same to the Governor on behalf of His Majesty's Government, and the Governor refuses to purchase the same or does not accept the offer within seven clear days from the date of such offer.

Any person exporting crude oil or products contrary to the provisions of this section shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five hundred pounds.

Implied
condition in
deed to carry
on operations.

5. In every lease, conveyance on sale or grant of prospecting, boring or mining rights for oil and in every conveyance lease or grant of land for the purpose of prospecting boring or mining for oil, whether executed before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, there shall be implied and deemed to be inserted therein a condition that the purchaser, lessee or grantee shall actively carry on the work of prospecting, boring or mining for oil, and that in default of his so doing such sale conveyance lease or grant shall be void.

Regulations.

6. The Governor in Executive Council may from time to time make alter or revoke regulations as to the site of any oil refinery or store and as to the place of shipment of crude oil or products, and also such regulations as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

Such regulations may provide penalties not exceeding One hundred pounds for breaches thereof.

All such regulations shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and production of such *Gazette* containing a copy of such regulations shall in all legal proceedings be sufficient evidence of the due making and tenor thereof.

7. All penalties under this Ordinance and the regulations made thereunder may be recovered by the Inspector of Mines on summary conviction under the Ordinance No. 1. Recovery of penalties.

Passed in Council this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,
Clerk of the Council.
