

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

## No. 35.—1908.

*15th June.*

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Board of Agriculture.

[L.S.]

S. W. KNAGGS,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

*28th October, 1908.*

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

Short title.      1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Board of Agriculture Ordinance, 1908.

Interpretation.      2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“The Board” means “The Board of Agriculture” established under this Ordinance.

“Agriculture” includes Horticulture and Forestry.

Establishment of Board of Agriculture.      3. From and after the passing of this Ordinance there shall be established a Board to be called “The Board of Agriculture of Trinidad and Tobago,” consisting of the Governor, the Director of the Department of Agriculture, and not less than twelve nor more than twenty persons to be appointed by the Governor and representing the Agricultural industries of the Colony.

The Governor shall be the President of the Board, and the Director of the Department of Agriculture shall be the Vice-President.

4.—(1.) The duties of the Board shall be to advise the Director of the Department of Agriculture as to the Staff and as to the pay of such appointments as are paid from the funds of the Board, and as to the retention and dismissal of officers holding such appointments, and as to all matters and questions submitted to them by the Department of Agriculture, and to appropriate the funds of the Board for the purpose of making, or aiding in making, or causing to be made such experiments and research, and collecting or aiding in collecting such information as they may think important for the purposes of Agriculture, including in such purposes the introduction of any new Agricultural industry, and methods for dealing with insect, fungoid and other pests, and for the collection and distribution of agricultural statistics.

Powers and duties of the Board.

(2.) The Board shall from time to time advise as to the distribution of the business of the Department of Agriculture among the several persons employed therein as the Board may think right, and these officers shall perform such duties in relation to that business as the Governor on the recommendation of the Board may direct.

5.—(1.) For the purposes of this Ordinance there shall be a fund to be called the Agricultural fund, which shall be administered by the Board.

Moneys placed at the disposal of the Board, and Audit.

(2.) The Agricultural fund shall consist of the moneys to be derived from the Agricultural tax levied by any Ordinance for the time being in force, and of any moneys which may from time to time be voted by the Legislative Council for the purposes of the Board.

(3.) All such moneys shall be paid to the credit of the Board at such Bank and at such time as the Board may with the approval of the Governor from time to time determine.

(4.) All expenses incurred by the Board in the execution of their duties under this Ordinance shall be paid out of the Agricultural fund.

(5.) The Secretary shall be responsible for the accounts, and all cheques shall be signed by him and by such member or members of the Board as may from time to time be appointed by resolution of the Board for that purpose.

(6.) The accounts of the Board shall be submitted to and audited by the Auditor-General, subject to such rules and regulations as may be made under the Public Accounts Ordinance, No. 233.

Staff and remuneration.

6.—(1.) The Board may from time to time appoint or employ a Secretary, and such inspectors, instructors, officers and servants as the Board may require.

(2.) There shall be paid out of the Agricultural fund to the Secretary, inspectors, instructors, officers and servants of the Board such salaries or remuneration as the Board with the consent of the Governor shall from time to time determine.

Power of Board to sue and be sued

7.—(1.) The Board may sue and be sued, and may for all purposes be described as the Board of Agriculture.

(2.) The Board shall have an official seal which shall be officially and judicially noticed, and such seal shall be authenticated by the signature of a member of the Board or of the Secretary, or of some person authorised by the Board to act on behalf of the Secretary.

Power to fill vacancies on the Board.

8. The Governor shall have power from time to time to fill vacancies arising through the death or absence of any member of the Board, or from any other cause.

Rules and Regulations.

9. The Board shall from time to time make, amend, or revoke such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the carrying out of the duties of the Board, and shall have power to appoint standing and special Committees who shall be subject to such rules and regulations.

Free postage.

10. The Board shall be allowed the privilege of free postage within the Colony for their notices and publications.

Passed in Council this Fifteenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight.

ALFRED TAITT,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*