

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 39.—1908.

7th December.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Commercial Telephone Company (Limited) Ordinance (No. 247.)

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S. W. KNAGGS,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

15th December, 1908.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the charges to be made by the Commercial Telephone Company (Limited) for providing Telephonic communication are limited by the Commercial Telephone Company (Limited) Ordinance; and whereas it is provided by the said Ordinance that the said Company shall pay compensation in certain cases for trees or parts of trees cut or removed by the said Company; and whereas it is expedient to amend the said charges and to relieve the said Company of the obligation to pay compensation in certain cases: Be 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 Telephone Ordinance (Amendment) Ordinance 1908, and shall be read as

one with the Commercial Telephone Company (Limited) Ordinance (No. 247), hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance.

2. The charges to be made by the Company for providing telephonic communication shall be payable in advance, and, in the case of telephone rentals, quarterly in advance, and shall not, except with the approval of the Governor and Legislative Council, exceed those in that behalf specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance. Provided that the Company may receive any special remuneration agreed upon between the Company and any body or person in respect of telephonic connection with any building or place situate without the limits of the Town of Port-of-Spain as defined by the Port-of-Spain Ordinance (No. 211) and at a greater distance than one mile from the nearest telephone exchange maintained by the Company.

Maximum charges for providing telephonic communication.

3. All rentals, tolls, and other charges payable under this Ordinance may be recovered in like manner in all respects as if the same had been specified in and authorised by the principal Ordinance.

Recovery of charges.

4. Every subscriber whose telephonic connection is discontinued at his request shall be liable to pay to the Company one month's telephone rental in addition to the rental for the current month, unless he shall have previously given to the Company at least one month's notice of such discontinuance.

One month's rental in lieu of notice.

5. Sub-section 2 of Section 10 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof shall be read the following :—

New section 10 sub-section (2).

(2.) Where any tree or part of a tree so cut or removed was not growing on or projecting over any street or road, the Company shall make full compensation (to be determined, in case of difference, by arbitration) for the loss, if any, occasioned by such cutting or removal.

6. Section 18 of the principal Ordinance and the schedule to the principal Ordinance and the Ordinance No. 3 of 1906 are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Saving.

7. The repeal effected by this Ordinance shall not affect the previous operation of any of the enactments hereby repealed or anything duly done or suffered thereunder or any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder or any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation or liability.

Commencement.

8. This Ordinance shall commence on such day as may be fixed by the Governor by proclamation.

Provided that the Governor shall not proclaim the commencement of this Ordinance unless and until he is satisfied of the ability of the Company to carry on an efficient service and of their intention to maintain a renewals fund.

Provided also that at any time after the commencement of this Ordinance the Governor in Council may from time to time by proclamation suspend the operation of this Ordinance on being satisfied that the Company has failed to carry on an efficient service and to maintain a renewals fund.

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

ALFRED TAITT,
Acting Clerk of the Council.

SCHEDULE.

MAXIMUM CHARGES FOR TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS.

A.—RENTALS.

For each telephone—	£	s.	d.
(a.) In a private residence, per month	..	0	12 6
(b.) In an office or other place of business, per month	...	0	16 8

B.—TOLLS FOR USE OF TRUNK LINES.

- (a.) For five minutes conversation where length of trunk lines used does not exceed ten miles, One Half-penny per mile or part of a mile.
- (b.) For five minutes conversation where length of trunk lines used exceeds ten miles, one half-penny per mile for the first ten miles, and one farthing per mile or part of mile of line beyond ten miles.
- (c.) For conversation exceeding five minutes in duration, an additional toll not exceeding one-fifth of the above tolls for every additional minute beyond five.

C.—TOLLS FOR USE OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE.

- (a.) For five minutes conversation where trunk line not used, three-pence.
 - (b.) For conversation exceeding five minutes in duration, an additional toll not exceeding one half penny for every additional minute beyond five. (Where the trunk lines are used in conveying a message through a public telephone the tolls for the use of the trunk lines will be payable in addition to the tolls for the use of the public telephone.)
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