

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 1—1931.

I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

A. C. HOLLIS,
Governor.

13th March, 1931.

AN ORDINANCE to preserve and to extend for a further period the rights powers privileges and franchises conferred by the Electric Lighting and Tramways Ordinance, Chapter 310.

[13th March, 1931.]

WHEREAS the exclusive rights conferred by sections 9 and 71 of the Electric Lighting and Tramways Ordinance, Chapter 310, will expire on the 18th of March, 1931 ;

And whereas in an action now pending in the Supreme Court of this Colony Numbered 268 of 1930 wherein the Trinidad Electric Company Limited are plaintiffs and the Attorney-General and the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Port-of-Spain are defendants the Trinidad Electric Company Limited are claiming, *inter alia*, the

right to continue to maintain and operate the Tramway and Electric-lighting systems in the City of Port-of-Spain and its environs in perpetuity ;

And whereas judgment in the said action was delivered by the Supreme Court of this Colony for the defendants on the 9th day of January, 1931 ;

And whereas the Trinidad Electric Company Limited have obtained from the Supreme Court of this Colony leave to appeal against the said judgment to His Majesty in His Majesty's Privy Council upon their performing certain conditions which appear in the Order granting such conditional leave ;

And whereas it is necessary in the public interest to make provision for the maintenance and operation of the Electric-lighting and tramways services in the City of Port-of-Spain and its environs after the said 18th of March, 1931, and for this purpose to preserve and extend all the rights, powers, privileges and franchises created by and existing under the said Ordinance until the lapse of thirty days after the date of the determination of the said appeal ;

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 Electric Lighting and Tramways (Temporary Extension) Ordinance, 1931, and shall be read as one with the Principal Ordinance.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance—

“ The Principal Ordinance ” means the Electric Lighting and Tramways Ordinance, Cap. 310.

“ The said Appeal ” means the appeal to His Majesty in His Majesty's Privy Council in the said action in the Supreme Court of this Colony numbered 268 of 1930.

“The date of the determination of the said Appeal” means the date on which judgment on the said appeal shall be delivered in His Majesty’s Privy Council; or, the date on which the Court shall rescind the Order granting conditional leave to appeal to His Majesty in His Majesty’s Privy Council; or, the date on which the said appeal is withdrawn or is dismissed for non-prosecution; or any date on which the said appeal is finally determined or disposed of in any other manner whatsoever.

3.—(1) Section 9 of the Principal Ordinance shall be read and construed as if the words “a period terminating on the expiration of thirty days after the date of the determination of the said appeal” were substituted for the words “the period of thirty years from the commencement of this Ordinance.” Preservation and extension of rights.

(2) Section 71 (2) of the Principal Ordinance shall be read and construed as if the words “a period terminating on the expiration of thirty days after the date of the determination of the said appeal” were substituted for the words “the period of thirty years from the commencement of this Ordinance.”

(3) Section 121 of the Principal Ordinance shall be read and construed as if the words “terminating on the expiration of thirty days after the date of the termination of the said appeal” were substituted for the words “of thirty years” in the first line thereof.

Passed in Council this thirteenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

J. W. DAY,
Acting Clerk of the Council.