

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 12.—1912.

26th February.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for securing safety at Cinematograph and other exhibitions and for other purposes connected therewith.

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GEORGE R. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

8th March, 1912.

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

Citation.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Cinematograph Ordinance, 1912.

Provisions against Cinematograph exhibitions except in licensed premises.

2. An exhibition of pictures or other optical effects by means of a cinematograph, or other similar apparatus, for the purposes of which inflammable films are used, shall not be given unless the regulations made by the Governor in Executive Council for securing safety are complied with, or elsewhere than in a building or place licensed for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Grant and revocation of licenses.

3.—(1). The Governor may grant licenses to such persons as he thinks fit to use the building or place specified in the

license for the purposes aforesaid on such terms and conditions and under such restrictions as may be laid down in the license and in any regulations made by the Governor in Council.

(2.) A license may in his absolute discretion be revoked by the Governor at any time in respect of any breach or contemplated breach of this Ordinance or of any regulation made thereunder or of any of the terms conditions or restrictions mentioned in the license.

4. A license shall be in force for one year or for such shorter period as the Governor on the granting of the license may determine, unless the license has been previously revoked. Duration of licenses.

5. If the owner of a cinematograph or other apparatus Penalties. uses the apparatus or allows it to be used, or if the occupier of any building or place allows such building or place to be used, or if any person supplies light for any cinematograph or other apparatus which he has reasonable grounds for believing is being or is to be used, in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance or the regulations made thereunder, or of the conditions or restrictions upon or subject to which any license relating to any such building or place has been granted under this Ordinance, he shall be liable on conviction before a Stipendiary Justice of the Peace to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty not exceeding twenty pounds for each day during which the offence continues.

6. The Inspector-General or any member of the Constabulary Force appointed by him may at all reasonable times enter Power of entry. any building or place whether licensed or not, in which he has reason to believe that such an exhibition as aforesaid is being or is about to be given, with a view to seeing whether the provisions of this Ordinance or any regulations made thereunder, and the conditions of any license granted under this Ordinance have been complied with, and if any person prevents or obstructs the entry of the Inspector-General or any member of the Constabulary Force appointed as aforesaid, he shall be liable on conviction before a Stipendiary Justice of the Peace to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Regulations.

7. All regulations made under the provisions of this Ordinance and all amendments, alterations or revocations of such regulations shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and production of the *Royal Gazette* containing such regulations or amendments, alterations or revocations thereof shall be admitted in all courts of justice as *prima facie* evidence of the validity thereof.

Repealed by
S. 10. of 26/1918

Passed in Council this Twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,
Clerk of the Council.

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