

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 8 — 1924.

I ASSENT,


Governor.

25th April, 1924.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the Regulation
of Traffic.

[*25th* April, 1924.]

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 Traffic Regulation Short title.
Ordinance, 1924.

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

“ Vehicle ” means and includes carriages, wagons,
carts, motor cars, bicycles, tricycles, vans,
lorries, hand-carts, sledges, trucks, barrows
and all other machines for the portage of
goods or persons;

“ Road ” includes any road, street or place to which
the public are granted access;

[Price 2d.]

- “Magistrate” includes a Justice of the Peace ;
 “Constable” includes any member of the Constabulary Force, and includes also a Rural, Estate, City or Borough Constable ;
 “Cattle” includes sheep, goats and swine ;
 “Regulations” means Regulations made under section 3 of this Ordinance.

Power to make regulations.

3.—(1) The Governor in Executive Council may make Regulations

- (a) With respect to the use of vehicles or any class of vehicles on any road and the conditions under which they may be used ;
- (b) With respect to the number, position and kind of lights to be carried on vehicles, or any class of vehicles, and the times during which they are to be exhibited ;
- (c) With respect to the carrying on vehicles or any class of vehicles of instruments capable of giving audible and sufficient warning of the approach or position of such vehicles ; and with respect to the character and kind of such instruments ;
- (d) With respect to the pace at which and the mode in which any vehicle or any class of vehicles or any animal may be driven or ridden on any road ;
- (e) With respect to the conduct of persons driving or in charge of or riding any vehicle or animal on any road ;
- (f) With respect to the places where and the conditions under which cattle may be landed, or may be driven or led on any road ;
- (g) Generally for the better regulation of traffic on roads.

(2) Any person who shall contravene or fail to comply with any Regulation made under this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance.

(3) All Regulations made under this section shall be published in the *Royal Gazette* and shall be judicially noticed.

4.—(1) The Inspector-General of Constabulary may from time to time make orders Power to make Orders.

(a) With respect to the line to be kept by persons driving or riding any vehicle or animal on any road;

(b) With respect to the manner in which vehicles shall be drawn up while waiting on any road.

(2) Every such order and every alteration or revocation thereof shall be subject to the approval of the Governor in Executive Council and when so approved shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and shall take effect as from the date of such publication, and shall be judicially noticed.

(3) Any person who shall contravene or fail to comply with any order made under this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance.

5. The Inspector-General or the senior officer of Constabulary stationed in any district may from time to time make orders for the route to be observed by all vehicles, horses and persons, and for preventing obstructions on any road, in any case where such road is liable to be thronged or obstructed; and also may give directions to constables for the purpose of regulating traffic in the neighbourhood of Courts of law, public offices, churches, theatres, and other places of public resort; and any person who after being made acquainted with any orders made or directions given under this section shall contravene or fail to comply with such orders or directions shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance. Special regulations may be made by Constabulary.

6.—(1) If any person who commits an offence under this Ordinance or under the Regulations refuses to give his name and address, or gives a false name and address, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance; and it shall be the duty of the owner of any vehicle or animal in respect of which any such offence has been committed, if required, to give any information which it is within his power to give, and which may lead to the identification and apprehension of the person guilty of such offence, and if the owner fails to do so he shall also be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance. Power of arrest.

(2) It shall be lawful for any constable to apprehend without warrant any person who commits an offence under this Ordinance or under the Regulations within his view, if such person refuses to give his name and address or gives a name or address which the constable has reasonable grounds for believing to be false.

Penalties.

7. Every person who shall be convicted of any offence under this Ordinance or under the Regulations shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Procedure.

8. All offences under this Ordinance or under the Regulations shall be prosecuted, heard and determined before a Magistrate, and the procedure in respect of such offences and of all matters incidental to and arising out of the prosecution of such offences shall be such as is laid down in the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, 1918.

(9-1918.)

Repeal.

9. Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Streets Regulation Ordinance, No. 198, the Streets and Roads Regulation Amending Ordinance, 1906, and section 108 of the Summary Convictions (offences) Ordinance, 1921, are hereby repealed.

(21-1906.)

(31-1921.)

Passed in Council this eleventh day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.



Acting Clerk of the Council.