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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 15.—1916.

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S. W. KNAGGS,

*Acting Governor.*

18th May, 1916.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the establishment of a Carnegie Free Library in the Borough of San Fernando.

[On Proclamation.]

**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 Carnegie Free Library Ordinance, 1916.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance:

“Library” means the Library established under this Ordinance.

“Committee” means the Committee appointed under this Ordinance.

3. A public Library to be called the "San Fernando Carnegie Free Library shall be established and maintained in the Borough of San Fernando, in the manner hereinafter provided. Establishment of Library.

4. The Library shall be maintained out of such moneys as may be provided jointly by the Legislative Council of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the Mayor and Burgesses of San Fernando, and may be subscribed voluntarily for that purpose and by other funds which the Committee may from time to time be permitted to raise for that purpose. Maintenance of Library.

5.--(1.) This Ordinance shall be carried into execution by a committee consisting of the Mayor of San Fernando, who shall be Chairman, and eight other persons; four to be nominated by the Governor and four to be nominated by the Council of the Borough of San Fernando. Such persons shall hold office for three years from the date of nomination. Provided that in case of death, resignation or absence from the Colony without leave for a longer period than three months, the Governor or the Council of the Borough of San Fernando, as the case may be, shall nominate and appoint some other person in the place of such person who shall have died, resigned or been absent from the Colony as aforesaid. Library Committee.

(2.) The Committee shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Committee of the San Fernando Carnegie Free Library" with power to sue and be sued under that name and to acquire and hold lands for the purposes of this Ordinance.

6. The Committee shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, establish a public library, and may, in addition, provide a collection of exhibits indicative of the resources of the Colony, and its industries at their various stages, and may arrange for lectures and classes to be held for the instruction of school children and others in such resources and industries, and in scientific and other subjects, and may fit up, furnish and supply the library building with the requisite furniture, fittings and conveniences. Committee to establish library, museum, classes, etc.

7. The plot of land situate at the corner of Mucurapo street and Harris Promenade, and known as lots Nos. 45e and 45f Harris Promenade, in the town of San Fernando, Vesting of land in Committee.

together with all buildings erected or in course of erection thereon, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Committee for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Property  
vested in  
Committee.

8. All property presented to or purchased or acquired for the library, or for lectures or classes under this Ordinance shall be vested in the Committee.

Management  
and control of  
Library.

9. The general management, regulation and control of the library, and of any exhibits or other property, shall be vested in and exercised by the Committee, and the Committee may provide therein books, newspapers, periodicals, prints, maps, philosophical and other instruments and apparatus, and specimens of art and science, and cause the same to be repaired when necessary, and may cause books, newspapers, periodicals or prints to be bound or when superfluous or useless to be sold, and the proceeds applied in the purchase of new books, or otherwise.

Audit of  
accounts.

10. The accounts of the Committee shall be subject to audit by the Auditor-General in all respects as if the Committee were a department of the Public Service of the Colony accountable to the Governor in respect of moneys received or expended in the business of such department, and with the same right of surcharge against the Chairman as if he were the chief of such department authorising the expenditure thereof, or if he shall have recorded his dissent from any expenditure, against such members of the Committee as shall have authorised the same.

Appointment  
of officers and  
making of  
bye-laws.

11.—(1.) The Committee may appoint salaried officers and servants and dismiss them, and may make Bye-laws for the management and arrangement of the Library, and by such Bye-laws may provide for:—

- (a.) The manner in which the rooms, entrances, passages, staircases and outbuildings of the Library may be used;
- (b.) The duties of the Librarian and other officers and servants of the Library;
- (c.) The mode in which the books, magazines and papers shall be issued or used;
- (d.) The hours during which the Library shall be opened to the public;

(e.) The exclusion from the Library of undesirable persons or any person committing a breach of the Bye-laws.

(2.) All such Bye-laws shall be submitted to the Governor in Executive Council for approval, and when approved shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

12. All penalties for the infringement of any Bye-law under this Ordinance shall be recovered in the manner provided in the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance (No. 1). Recovery of penalties.

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

Passed in Council this Twenty-eighth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

J. M. FARFAN,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*

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