

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 21—1932.

I ASSENT,

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S. M. GRIER,
Acting Governor.

15th November, 1932.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1928 (No. 28 of 1928).

[On Proclamation.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1928, so far as is necessary to enable effect to be given in this Colony to the Convention signed at Geneva on behalf of His Majesty on 13th July, 1931, relating to the manufacture and distribution of narcotic drugs, and hereinafter referred to as the "Second Geneva Convention ;"

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 Dangerous Drugs Short title. (Amendment) Ordinance, 1932, and shall be construed as Construction. one with the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1928, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

[Price 2d.]

Interpretation. **2.**—(1) The expression “Corresponding law” in section 2 of the Principal Ordinance shall have effect as though the reference therein to the provisions of the Geneva Convention, included a reference to the provisions of the Second Geneva Convention.

(2) Section 2 (i) of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by substituting the following for the definition of “Veterinary Surgeon”:

“Veterinary Surgeon” means a person registered as a Veterinary Surgeon under the Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Ordinance, 1930 (No. 8 of 1930).

Amendment of **3.**—(1) The following shall be substituted for sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Principal Ordinance:—
s. 11 of Ord.
28 of 1928.

(1) The drugs to which this Part of this Ordinance applies are—

- (a) medicinal opium ;
- (b) any extract or tincture of Indian hemp ;
- (c) morphine and its salts, and diacetylmorphine (commonly known as diamorphine or heroin) and the other esters of morphine and their respective salts ;
- (d) cocaine (including synthetic cocaine) and ecgonine and their respective salts, and the esters of ecgonine and their respective salts ;
- (e) any solution or dilution of morphine or cocaine or their salts in an inert substance whether liquid or solid, containing any proportion of morphine or cocaine, and any preparation, admixture, extract or other substance (not being such a solution or dilution as aforesaid) containing not less than one-fifth per cent. of morphine or one-tenth per cent. of cocaine or of ecgonine ;
- (f) any preparation, admixture, extract or other substance containing any proportion of diacetylmorphine ;

- (g) dihydrohydroxycodone, dihydrocodeinone, dihydromorphinone, acetyldihydrocodeinone (commonly known as acedicone), dihydromorphine, their esters and the salts of any of these substances and of their esters, morphine-N-oxide (commonly known as genomorphine), the morphine-N-oxide derivatives, and any other pentavalent nitrogen morphine derivatives ;
- (h) thebaine and its salts, and (with the exception of methylmorphine, commonly known as codeine, and ethylmorphine, commonly known as dionin, and their respective salts) benzylmorphine and the other ethers of morphine and their respective salts ;
- (i) any preparation, admixture, extract or other substance containing any proportion of any of the substances mentioned in paragraph (g) or in paragraph (h) of this sub-section.

For the purpose of the foregoing provision the expression "ecgonine" means laevo-ecgonine and includes any derivatives of ecgonine from which it may be recovered industrially, and the percentage in the case of morphine shall be calculated as in respect of anhydrous morphine.

(2) Sub-section (2) of section 11 of the Principal Ordinance (which empowers the Governor by Order in Executive Council to declare that Part IV of that Ordinance shall apply to certain new derivatives) shall be amended by the insertion after the words "if improperly used" of the words "or is capable of being converted into a substance which is, or is likely to be productive, if improperly used".

(3) Any order issued under sub-section (2) of section 11 of the Principal Ordinance may contain verbal alterations in the lists of drugs to which the Ordinance applies which are incidental to the addition to such lists of any further drugs or preparations.

4.—(1) It shall not be lawful for any person in the Colony to trade in or manufacture for the purpose of trade any products obtained from any of the phenanthrene alkaloids of opium or from the ecgonine alkaloids of the coca leaf, not being a product which was on the thirteenth day of July, 1931, being used for medical or scientific purposes:

Prohibition of trade, &c., in new drugs, and power to apply Part IV of Principal Ordinance with or without modifications to certain drugs.

Provided that if the Governor is at any time satisfied as respects any such product that it is of medical or scientific value, he may by Order in Executive Council direct that this sub-section shall cease to apply to that product.

If any person acts in contravention of this sub-section, he shall be guilty of an offence against the Principal Ordinance.

(2) If it is made to appear to the Governor that a decision with respect to any such product as is mentioned in sub-section (1) of this section has in pursuance of Article 11 of the Second Geneva Convention been communicated by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations to the parties to the said Convention, the Governor, by Order in Executive Council, may, as the case requires, either declare that the provisions of Part IV of the Principal Ordinance shall apply to that product in the same manner as they apply to the drugs mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance or apply the said Part IV to that product with such modifications as may be specified in the Order.

(3) The Governor may by Order in Executive Council apply Part IV of the Principal Ordinance, with such modifications as may be specified in the Order, to any of the following drugs, that is to say, methylmorphine (commonly known as codeine), ethylmorphine (commonly known as dionin) and their respective salts.

Repeal.

5. The Orders made by the Governor in Executive Council under section 11 (2) of the Principal Ordinance on 4th July and 28th November, 1929, and 12th February, 1931, are hereby revoked.

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ment.

6. This Ordinance shall commence on such day as may be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation.

Passed in Council this fourth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

J. W. DAY,
Clerk of the Council.