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CHAPTER 173.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

Ordinances
 No. 49 of 1921,
 „ 31 of 1922,
 „ 57, ss. 21
 & 22.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

[10th November, 1921.]

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Registrar-General's Ordinance.

Appointment of Registrar-General. 2. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State, to appoint a fit and proper person to be Registrar-General of the Colony.

Appointment and powers of Deputy Registrars-General. 3. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint one or more fit and proper persons to be Deputy Registrars-General.

(2) Whenever, by any law for the time being in force in the Colony, anything is appointed to be done by the Registrar-General, the same may be lawfully and for all purposes effectually done by a Deputy Registrar-General.

4. The Registrar-General shall keep four separate and distinct indexes, one of deeds, another of wills, another of judgments, decrees, orders, and rules, and another of memoranda of *lis pendens*, and shall in the index of deeds enter every deed so registered under the letter of the alphabet corresponding with the initial letter of the surname of each person named as a party to such deed, with the christian names and surnames at full length of all persons named as parties to such deed, and shall in the index of wills enter each will under the letter of the alphabet corresponding with the initial letter of the surname of the testator, together with the christian name and surname at full length of such testator, and shall in the index of judgments, decrees, orders, and rules, and in the index of memoranda of *lis pendens*, refer to every such judgment, decree, order, or rule and *lis pendens* under the initial letter corresponding with the surname of every person whose estate is intended to be affected by such judgment, decree, order, or rule, or such *lis pendens*, with the christian name and surname at full length of every such person. (*S. 21 of 57 incorporated.*)

Indexes.

5. All persons shall have access to and be permitted to search all indexes of deeds and other books and documents in the office of the Registrar-General and also to inspect, examine, and take notes or extracts from any such deeds, books, or documents on payment of the prescribed fee.

Searches.

6. All persons may examine and peruse all deeds and certified copies of wills registered in the office of the Registrar-General, and the Registrar-General shall, on request of any person, cause to be made and delivered to such person a true and correct copy certified under his hand of any such deed or will on payment of the prescribed fee. (*S. 22 of 57 incorporated.*)

Examination of documents and certified copies.

7. The Registrar-General shall be entitled to charge the fees specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance.

Fees.

8. The Registrar-General shall keep at his office a book in which he shall enter or cause to be entered, from day to day, all fees received by him, and the names of the persons from whom, and the service or duty for which, such fees respectively shall have been received, and on the expiration of each month shall sign his name at the end of the entries made during such month in proof of the correctness of such entries.

Fee Book.

Office hours.

9. The office of the Registrar-General shall be kept open for the transaction of business by the public from the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon until the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon of every day in the year excepting Saturdays, on which day the office shall be closed at the hour of twelve noon; Provided that the said office shall be kept closed on Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day, and the next following working day, Easter eve, the Tuesday in Easter week, and on all public holidays.

SCHEDULE. (a)

FEES.		£ s. d.
For registering any deed or the copy of any deed (other than a lease or agreement for a lease) by which any property real or personal shall be granted, sold, mortgaged, or assigned, where the consideration money by such deed expressed to be paid or secured—		
does not exceed £50... ..	0 10 0	
exceeds £50 but does not exceed £1,000	1 0 0	
exceeds £1,000	2 0 0	
For the registration of any lease or agreement for a lease, or copy thereof, where the rent reserved—		
does not exceed £10 per annum	0 10 0	
exceeds £10 but does not exceed £100 per annum	1 0 0	
exceeds £100 per annum	2 0 0	
For the registration of every deed of gift or copy thereof	1 0 0	
For the registration of all letters of administration <i>de bonis non</i> or of administration limited to substantiate proceedings in equity... ..	0 5 0	
For registering and endorsing a memorandum of satisfaction of a Bill of Sale... ..	0 5 0	
For registering a <i>lis pendens</i> under the Remedies of Creditors Ordinance	0 5 0	
For entering a memorandum of satisfaction of a registered judgment under the said Ordinance	0 2 6	
For the registration of every power of attorney and any other deed or document not herein otherwise provided for	1 0 0	
For every office copy of any deed, will, or other document, for every 120 words, in addition to the certificate	0 1 0	
For the certificate of the correctness of any such office copy	0 5 0	
For any other certificate	1 1 0	
For every general search of the indexes, or the town or country books, for each day	0 5 0	
For examining any deed, will, or other document	0 1 0	
And where any extract shall be taken, for every 120 words	0 1 0	
For the search of a single index	0 0 6	
For the search of a single town or country book	0 1 0	
For searching the files of newspapers, for each volume examined	0 1 0	
Attendance in Court on any subpoena to produce any deed or any other document in custody of the Registrar-General	0 10 6	

(a) Substituted by 31 of 1922, s. 2.