



I assent,

Governor

25 January, 1929.

BRITISH GUIANA.

[THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 1929.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the control of Sugar Experiment Stations. A.D. 1929.

BE it enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Sugar Experiment Stations Ordinance, 1929.

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

“The Committee” means the Committee constituted as provided by this Ordinance;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Committee;

“Director” means the Director of Agriculture;

“The Fund” means the Sugar Experiment Station Fund, created under the provisions of this Ordinance;

“Sugar Plantation” means any plantation or land whereon sugar is cultivated;

Interpretation.

“Proprietor” means the proprietor, whether jointly or severally, or the authorised agent of the proprietor, or the manager, or the person in charge, of any sugar plantation ;

“Secretary” means the Secretary appointed by the Committee.

Appoint-
ment of
Committee.

3.—(1) The British Guiana Sugar Planters' Association shall elect six persons immediately connected with the sugar industry of this Colony to form with the Director of Agriculture a committee for the purposes of this Ordinance for the period ending the thirty-first December nineteen hundred and twenty-nine and on or before the thirty-first December of each year thereafter elect three such persons for the ensuing year.

(2) The Director shall be, *ex officio*, the Chairman of the Committee and a permanent member thereof. In the absence of the Director the Deputy Director of Agriculture shall be Chairman, in the absence of them both the members present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

(3) The three members of the Committee first in order of election shall retire on the thirty-first December nineteen hundred and twenty-nine and the other three members on the thirty-first December nineteen hundred and thirty and so on from year to year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

(4) Any vacancy occurring on the Committee between the date of election as aforesaid shall be filled by the Committee, subject to the approval of the British Guiana Sugar Planters' Association.

(5) The Chairman together with three other members of the Committee, shall form a quorum for the due and proper exercise of all the powers and duties of the Committee.

Establish-
ment of
sugar cane
Experiment
Stations.

4. The Committee may from time to time establish, maintain and manage such and so many Sugar Experiment Stations as it may deem necessary and may provide such buildings and equipment as may be necessary for conducting experiments with sugar cane, and may do such acts and things as it may deem expedient for promoting the sugar industry of any thing incidental thereto.

5. The Committee may from time to time appoint a secretary and such other officers as may be necessary for the effectual execution of the provision of this Ordinance and may out of the fund pay to such officers such salaries and allowances as it thinks fit.

Appoint-
ment of
Secretary
and other
officers of
Experiment
Stations.

Care and
control of
Experiment
Stations.

6.—(1) The Committee shall have the general direction and care and control of all Sugar Experiment Stations.

(2) The Director as Chairman of the Committee shall have immediate control of the staff of the Committee. The scientific officers of the Department of Agriculture will co-operate under the direction of the Director in the work of the stations.

7.—(1) There shall be established a fund to be called the "Sugar Experiment Station Fund" out of which shall be paid all expenses incurred by the Committee in the carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Establishment of Fund.

(2) All rates or other moneys received under this Ordinance shall be paid by the Secretary into a bank to the credit of the Fund.

(3) All withdrawals from the Fund shall be by cheque signed by the Chairman and the Secretary, or in the absence of the Chairman, by a member of the Committee and the Secretary, or in the absence of the Secretary by the Chairman and a member of the Committee.

8.—(1) The Committee shall on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year charge, levy and collect in respect of every sugar plantation a rate of twenty-five cents for each acre of land cultivated in sugar-cane; provided always that no rate shall be chargeable where the area so cultivated does not exceed twenty-five acres and is cultivated by one person.

Rate to be levied on land under sugar cane cultivation.

(2) In the event of it becoming necessary to undertake any research or investigation of an extraordinary nature for the doing of which neither the Department of Agriculture nor a Sugar Experiment Station is equipped, a rate in addition to the aforementioned rate of such an amount as shall be agreed upon between the Governor-in-Council and the British Guiana Sugar Planters' Association shall be charged, levied and collected in respect of all sugar plantations.

(3) The amount of the rates payable in respect of each sugar plantation shall be assessed on the area cultivated in sugar cane during the twelve months ending the thirtieth of September in each year and for the purpose of computing such area the mean shall be taken of the area cultivated in sugar cane as shown by the returns furnished to the Commissioner of Lands and Mines under the Acreage Tax Ordinance, 1898, in respect of the two periods of six months comprising such period of twelve months as aforesaid.

Ord. 23 of 1898.

(4) The proprietor of every sugar plantation shall pay the rates charged thereon to the Secretary on or before the first day of February in each year.

(5) For the purposes of this section the Commissioner of Lands and Mines shall furnish to the Secretary on or before the thirty-first day of December in each year a signed certificate setting out the area cultivated in sugar cane on every sugar plantation as shown by the returns referred to in sub-section (3) hereof.

(6) The Secretary may recover all rates and sums due under this Ordinance by the proprietor of any sugar plantation by parate or summary execution against such proprietor without naming such

proprietor and a certificate purporting to be signed by the Chairman stating the amount claimed shall without further proof of such signature or of any other matter or thing be held by all courts sufficient proof of the amount claimed being due.

Power to
make Regu-
lations.

9.—(1) The Committee may from time to time make regulations for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) There may be annexed to the breach of any regulation a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and any penalty may be recovered under the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinances by any person authorised in writing by the Chairman.

(3) Such regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

Power to
impound
strays.
Ord. 1 of
1866.

10.—(1) Power is hereby conferred on the Chairman for the purpose of the Pounds Ordinance, 1866, to impound or to authorise in writing the impounding of strays on any Sugar Experiment Station.

(2) A prosecution for any felony or misdemeanour committed on or in respect of any property belonging to or under the care or control of the Committee shall be brought in the name of the Chairman as such by himself or by any officer of the Committee whom he shall authorise in writing.

No parate
execution
against
Crown or
Colony
Lands.

11. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed or held to authorise any summary or parate execution against any Crown or Colony land.

Repeal of
Ordinances.
No. 29 of
1919 and 19
of 1926.

12. The Sugar Planters' Experiment Stations Ordinance, 1919, and the Sugar Planters' Experiment Stations Ordinance, 1926, are hereby repealed.

Duration of
Ordinance.

13. This Ordinance shall continue in force until the thirty-first of December nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

Passed by the Legislative Council this 2nd day of January, 1929.

M. B. Hanig

Clerk of the Council.

(M.P. 5490/27).