

*To be construed with Ch. 10 of 1912*

## CHAPTER 111.

### STILLS.

[No. XVI of 1911.]

[1st January, 1912.]

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Stills Ordinance. Short title.

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

“keep” means keep, use, or have in possession;

“still” shall be held to be any apparatus in capacity greater than one imperial quart, or any part of that apparatus, with any vessels, instruments, pipes, cocks, and fittings, capable in the opinion of the Chief Commissary of being used for the purpose of the distillation of spirits.

2.—(1) Except as hereinafter provided, no one shall keep a still for any purpose whatsoever without first having obtained a licence for that purpose as hereinafter provided. Licence to keep a still.

(2) Before the licence is granted application shall be made to the Chief Commissary in writing signed by the applicant giving a description of the still, its size and capacity, and the premises upon which and the purpose for which it is to be kept.

(3) The licence may be granted by the Chief Commissary, who shall have power to refuse it, but in case it is refused the person applying for it may, within fourteen days after the refusal is communicated to him, appeal to the Governor in Council, who shall have power to grant the licence if he thinks fit to do so. Grant of licence.

(4) Every licence shall state the name of the person to whom it is granted and the premises upon which, and the purpose for which, he is permitted to keep a still. Form of licence.

3.—(1) The Chief Commissary shall keep a register of all licences issued under this Ordinance, which shall be evidence in all courts that the persons specified therein have been duly licensed to keep a still, and the absence of the Register of licences.

name of a person from the register, or a certificate of that absence purporting to be under the hand of the Chief Commissary, shall be *primâ facie* evidence that that person is not licensed to keep a still.

Cancellation.

(2) The Chief Commissary, at any time, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may cancel a licence granted under this Ordinance.

Notice boards.

4.—(1) All premises upon which a person is licensed to keep a still shall have affixed outside in a conspicuous place near the main entrance a notice-board bearing the name of the licensee and the words "Licensed under the Stills Ordinance."

Inspection.

(2) The Chief Commissary, or anyone authorised by him in writing, may at any time enter the premises upon which any person so registered keeps a still for the purpose of inspecting it.

Offences.

5. Everyone who keeps a still without being duly licensed under this Ordinance, or who, being so licensed, keeps a still at any premises other than those named in the licence, or who uses a still for any other purpose than that specified in his licence, shall on summary conviction thereof be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding six months.

Penalty.

Ordinance not to apply to distiller of spirits :

Proviso.

6. This Ordinance shall not apply to licences for distilling spirits or to stills kept or used for the purpose of distilling spirits :

Provided that it shall not be a good defence to any charge for an offence against this Ordinance for the defendant to prove that he kept a still for the purposes of distilling spirits, unless he is a duly licensed distiller under the Spirits Ordinance.

Chapter 110.