

Repealed by Ord 26 of 1934.

CHAPTER 150.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

[No. XXVII of 1920.]

[23rd October, 1920.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Board of Agriculture Ordinance.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance—

“the Board” means the Board of Agriculture established under this Ordinance;
“agriculture” includes horticulture and forestry.

CONSTITUTION OF BOARD.

Establishment.

3.—(1) There shall be established a Board of Agriculture consisting of the Governor, the Director of Science and Agriculture, and such other members (hereinafter referred to as ordinary members) as are appointed by the Governor, and every member so appointed shall hold office for three years, five ordinary members forming a quorum.

(2) The Governor, on the recommendation of the Board, may appoint anyone, whether resident in the colony or not, to be an honorary member of the Board, but an honorary member shall not have the right of voting at meetings of the Board.

(3) The Board may grant any leave of absence to an ordinary member it thinks fit, but an ordinary member who quits the colony without that leave being granted, or who remains out of the colony after the expiration of his leave, shall ipso facto cease to be a member.

Chairman.

4.—(1) The Governor shall be President, and another person whom he appoints shall be chairman, of the Board, and the Governor may also appoint a deputy chairman.

(2) In the absence of the President the chairman, and in the absence of the President and the chairman the deputy chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and

in the absence of all of them the ordinary members present at a meeting may elect a chairman for that meeting.

(3) The person presiding at a meeting shall have a casting vote.

5. The Board shall be a body corporate, and may sue and be sued, and may for all purposes be described by the name of the Board of Agriculture. Board a body corporate.

6. The Governor may appoint a secretary and other necessary officers and clerks of the Board. Secretary and officers.

7. The Board, with the approval of the Governor, may appoint the necessary officers, inspectors, agents, or servants for carrying out this Ordinance. Other officers.

8.—(1) The Board may delegate any of its powers to a committee or to committees of its members, and delegated powers shall be exercised in accordance with any regulations made by the Board for the purpose. Delegation of powers to committees.

(2) A committee may, in accordance with those regulations, elect not more than three persons, skilled in the matters delegated to the committee, not being members of the Board, to be members of the committee.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

9.—(1) In addition to the duties imposed and the powers conferred on the Board by any Ordinance passed before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, the Board, as to agriculture and forestry,— Powers and duties.

(a) shall undertake the collection and preparation of statistics relating thereto; and

(b) may undertake—

(i) the inspection of, and reporting on, any schools in which technical instruction, practical or scientific, is given in any matter connected therewith; and

(ii) the aiding of any school which admits that inspection and in the judgement of the Board is qualified to receive that aid; and

(iii) the aiding of any system of lectures or instruction connected therewith; and

- (iv) the inspection of and reporting on any examinations therein; and
 - (c) may also make or aid in making any inquiries, experiments, and research, and collect or aid in collecting any information it thinks important for the promotion thereof.
- (2) The Board—
- (a) shall have the charge and control of the government botanical gardens in Georgetown, and all forestry and agricultural stations in the colony established by the Government, and all government farms;
 - (b) may accept the charge and control of any other botanical or ornamental gardens, or pleasure grounds in the colony, and of any forestry and agricultural stations and farms;
 - (c) may make by-laws for the control and management of the government botanical gardens in Georgetown and of any other gardens or grounds, and of any forestry and agricultural stations and farms of which it accepts the charge and control;
 - (d) may make regulations for—
 - (i) the holding of agricultural shows and their management;
 - (ii) the affiliation to the Board of Local Agricultural Associations, and the management thereof;
 - (iii) the examination of schools in agricultural and allied subjects;
 - (iv) prescribing the duties of the secretary and other officers of the Board; and
 - (v) generally, the more efficient carrying out of the purposes of this Ordinance.

MISCELLANEOUS.

10.—(1) Every document purporting to be an order, licence, or other instrument issued by the Board, and to be signed by the secretary, or other person authorised by the chairman to act on behalf of the secretary, shall be received in evidence and deemed to be that order, licence, or instrument, without further proof, unless the contrary is shown.

(2) A certificate signed by the chairman or any other member of the Board that an order, licence, or other instrument, purporting to be made or issued by the Board is so made or issued shall be conclusive evidence of the fact so certified.

11. The salaries of the secretary and other officers of the Board and of all employees of the Board, and all expenses incurred by the Board in the execution of its duties under this Ordinance, shall be paid out of moneys provided by the Legislative Council.

Financial provisions.