CHAPTER 275.

LIME SELLERS.

(2*nd July*, 1934.) 8/1934. 23/1961.

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Lime Sellers Ordinance.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance—

"limes" includes limes, growing lime plants and trees or parts thereof, seeds, pulp, extracted juice and any preparation or manufactured product thereof or oil or essence derived or extracted therefrom. Ord. 23/1961

"official" means any government officer, the Director of Agriculture, police officer or other person appointed by the Administrator as an Inspector under this Ordinance.

Power to appoint inspectors.

3. The Administrator may appoint any person to be an inspector for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Wrongful sale an offence

4. (1) Any unlicensed person selling limes in the Colony shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) Except where such sale is—

(*a*) by a person selling as agent of a licencee and who informs the purchaser that he is agent as aforesaid, and at the same time produces the licencee's licence and sales book;

(*b*) pursuant to legal process or public auction;

(*c*) for domestic use only; or

(*d*) to the owner of any plantation for the purpose of planting and sowing.

Application for licence.

5. Any person may make application to the Treasurer in a prescribed form for a licence to sell limes, provided that his application is recommended and countersigned by the Director of Agriculture.

Issue of licences.

6. (1) The Treasurer, upon receipt of a complete application, may refuse without assigning any reason for such refusal, to issue a licence by writing the word "refused", his signature and the date on the application and returning it to the applicant within seven days; or, issue a licence and sales book in a prescribed form to the applicant upon payment of a prescribed fee not exceeding twenty-four cents.

(2) Licences issued shall be numbered consecutively and the Treasurer shall keep a record of the same and supply copies of such record to the Agricultural and Police Departments.

(3) Licences granted hereunder shall be issued for each annual period expiring on the 30th June in each year, and must be produced and handed over to the Treasurer upon renewed application for a licence.

All transactions to be entered in sales book.

7. Whenever any licencee shall sell, or barter any limes, he shall immediately endorse, or cause to be endorsed, in his sales book, in a legible manner, the date and address of the purchaser, quantity sold and sale price; and the purchaser shall sign his name to that entry in the sales book.

Custody and production of licence.

8. (1) Every licence shall be kept in the personal possession of the licencee.

(2) The licencee shall at all times on demand, produce and show his licence to any of the following persons—

(*a*) any government officer;

(*b*) any person with whom the licencee negotiates or offers to do or does any business; or

(*c*) any person on whose private land or premises the licencee is found.

Any licencee who refuses on demand to show his licence and allow it to be read and a copy thereof to be taken by any of the persons hereby authorised to demand it, shall be guilty of an offence.

Duty of licencee to give information and assistance.

9. It shall be the duty of every licencee at all times to give officials all information in his power concerning any sale or purchase of or any other transaction connected with limes and to afford every assistance in his power in detecting any breach of the provisions of this Ordinance, or any larceny of or dealing or trading in limes.

Offences.

10. Any person who—

(*a*) refuses, or without lawful excuse neglects, to fill up or cause to be filled up, a form to the best of his knowledge or belief or to sign it as by this Ordinance required; or

(*b*) wilfully makes or signs, or causes to be made or signed any false entry or return of any matter specified in a prescribed form; or

(*c*) refuses to answer, or wilfully gives a false answer to any question necessary for obtaining the information required to be obtained under this Ordinance; or

(*d*) refuses, or without lawful excuse neglects, to perform any duty imposed on him by or under this Ordinance;

shall be guilty of an offence on each occasion.

Penalty.

11. Any person guilty of an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance or any rules made thereunder, shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and forty dollars and on conviction the Magistrate may endorse the conviction on the licence of the person so convicted and if he sees fit may at any time empound and cancel a licence of such person: Provided that nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent a prosecution under any other law, but so that a person shall not be punished twice for the same offence.

Power to make rules.

12. The Administrator in Council may make rules, including rules as to forms and fees for carrying this Ordinance into effect.