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NO. 7.

An Ordinance to Consolidate the Laws Relating to Licences.

[22*nd March*, 1866.]

Preamble. WHEREAS, it is expedient to consolidate and extend the Laws relating to Trade and other Licences;

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Repeals Licences Act, 1859, and Trade Licences Amendment Act, 1864. I. The Licences Act, 1859, and the Trade Licences Amendment Act, 1864, shall from and after the date of the passing of this Ordinance, cease and be of no effect save only as to any wrongs and penalties recoverable and enforceable under either of the said Statutes, but such repeal shall not revive any Proclamations or Regulations previously repealed.

Licences payable under this Ordinance described in Schedule. II. From and after the date of the passing of this Ordinance, there shall be payable and paid by every person described in the Schedule hereto, who shall not have already taken out his licence, such sums in lieu of all sums heretofore payable in respect of all or any such matters, trades, professions, licences, and occupations therein specified as are in the said Schedule set opposite to the said several matters, trades, professions, licences, and occupations respectively; and the said Schedule shall be taken as part of this Ordinance.

And in advance. III. All moneys payable under this Ordinance shall be payable in advance. If monthly, on the 1st day of each month; if quarterly, on the 1st March, 1st July, 1st September, 1st December; if half-yearly, on the 1st March and 1st September; if yearly, on the 1st September in each year; any fractional portion of any quarter, year, or half-year to be paid for proportionately; provided that the first of such quarterly or half-yearly payments aforesaid as would, under the foregoing provision, have been payable on the 1st March now instant shall be payable on such day, after the passing of this Ordinance, as shall be published in that behalf in the *Government Gazette* by order of the Governor.

Penalties. IV. Every infraction or evasion of this Ordinance shall be punishable upon conviction in a summary manner before any Magistrate in British Columbia, by any fine not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for every such offence, in addition to the amount leviable under this Ordinance, in each such case to be levied by distress, and in default of payment or in case of insufficiency of distress, by imprisonment for any term not exceeding three calendar months at the discretion of the convicting Magistrate.

Interpretation clause. V. In the construction of this Ordinance the word "Person" shall be deemed and construed to include any and every Partnership and Incorporated Company.

Short Title. VI. This Ordinance shall be cited as the "Licences Ordinance, 1866."

Passed

Licences Ordinance.

Passed the Legislative Council the 23rd day of February, A.D. 1866.

CHARLES GOOD, *Clerk of the Council.* H. M. BALL, *Presiding Member.*

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 22nd day of March, 1866.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH, *Administering the Government.*

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

(*a*) By each person vending spirituous or fermented liquors, by retail, for each House or Place in the Colony where such vending is carried on, if in a Town ..... $100 for every 6 months.

(*b*) Where such retail vending is carried on in a Rural District, not forming part of a Town ..... $50 for 1 year.

(*c*) By each person not having a retail licence as above and vending spirituous and fermented liquors for wholesale, that is to say in quantities of not less than two gallons, for each house or place in the Colony ..... $100 for 1 year.

(*d*) By each person keeping a Saloon or Building where a Billiard Table is used for hire or profit...$30 for 1 year, and for each and every other such Table an additional .....$10 for 1 year.

(*e*) For every person carrying on the business of a wholesale or of a wholesale and a retail Merchant or Trader .....$15 for every 3 months.

For every retail Trader .....$5 for every 3 months.

Under the last mentioned Licence the word "Trader" shall include Master Mechanics, Manufacturers, and Artizans employing one or more journeymen, and not already paying a Licence under this Ordinance.

Such two last mentioned licences to enable the person paying the same, to change his place of abode of business at pleasure, but not to carry on business at two places at the same time, under one licence.

(*f*) By every person not having a Free Miner's Certificate, engaged in Mining for Gold, whether on his own account or for hire, such payment to include a Free Miner's Certificate ..... $5 for 1 year.

(*g*) By every person owning a Pack Train or Waggon used in transporting goods for profit or hire, and not paying a Merchant's or Trader's licence .....$5 for every 3 months.

(*h*) By every person carrying on, on his own account the business of a Banker at one place of business..... $200 for 1 year, and for each other place of business in the Colony $100 for 1 year.

(*i*) By every person practising as a Barrister-at-Law, Attorney-at-Law, or Solicitor in the said Colony..... $100 for 1 year.

(*j*) By every person practising as a Physician or Surgeon in the said Colony ..... $50 for 1 year.

(*k*) By every person following any of the occupations of Conveyancer, Surveyor, Land Agent, or Scrivener.....$25 for 1 year.

(*l*) By the owners of every Steam-boat running in any of the Inland Waters of the Colony, and not heretofore made liable to pay licence fees..50 cts. per ton for 1 year.

(*m*) By every Auctioneer (not being a Government Officer selling by Auction Government property) in addition to any other Licence in this Schedule ..... $5 for every 3 months.

(*n*) By every person occupying any Crown Lands, by making any erections thereon, and carrying on any trade upon the same, in addition to the duties above charged, and for the use of the Land so occupied by him..... $2.50 for every month.

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