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RULES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

1.—NAME OF THE SOCIETY

The name of the Society shall be "The Agricultural" Society of Trinidad and Tobago.

2.—OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

The objects of the Society shall be the dissemination of agricultural knowledge, and the consideration, encouragement and advancement of all branches of agriculture in the Colony, and of all matters and things incidental or appertaining thereto, in such manner as the Committee shall think advisable.

3.—MEMBERSHIP

The Society shall consist of Ordinary members, Life members, Honorary Life members and Honorary members.

Every candidate for membership shall be proposed by one and seconded by another member, and must duly sign an application for membership in such form as the Committee may from time to time approve. The name of each candidate and his occupation and the names of his proposer and seconder shall appear on the agenda of a meeting of the Committee. If the Committee approves that a candidate may be admitted to membership but not otherwise, then the name of such candidate and his occupation and the names of his proposer and seconder shall appear on the agenda of a general meeting of the Society and shall be balloted for at such meeting.

The subscription of an ordinary member shall be \$1000 per annum payable in advance on the 1st January of each year.

The subscription of a member joining after the 30th September will count as covering the whole period of the ensuing year in addition to the remaining months of the year of his election.

A Life member is one who has paid a commuted subscription of \$120.00 to the Society.

An Honorary Life member is one who has been an ordinary member of the Society and has rendered signal or meritorious services to the Society or to agriculture generally, and has been elected as such.

All ordinary members whose subscriptions are not in arrear, all Life members and honorary Life members shall be

entitled to vote on all matters submitted to general meetings of the Society, or to be appointed on a Committee of the Society.

Honorary members shall have no vote, but shall have the right to take part in all discussions or debates of the Society.

A candidate for membership shall be elected on the favourable vote of at least three-fourths majority of those present and voting at a general meeting.

4.—GENERAL MEETINGS

A General Meeting of the Society shall be held during every month of each year on such date and at such place as may be determined by the President.

5.—BUSINESS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

The business to be transacted at General Meetings shall be such as is conducive to the objects of the Society.

6.—NOTICES OF MEETINGS

Except in cases of urgency, no less than five clear days' notice of any meeting shall be given.

7.—NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notices of motions shall be sent to the Secretary who shall refer them for the approval of the President. Such notices shall be sent in not less than fourteen clear days before the day of the meeting at which they are to be moved, and, if approved, shall be printed on the notices convening the meeting.

8.—SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

On the direction of the President, or on the requisition in writing of any six Members of the Society the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting for the consideration of any special resolution or business of which notice shall be given.

9.—QUORUM : GENERAL MEETINGS

Twelve Members of the Society entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at General and Special Meetings.

10.-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

There shall be a Committee, to be called the Committee of Management of the Society, which shall be charged with the general administration of the affairs and funds of the Society, and shall be the governing and executive body of the Society.

11.-CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of a President and Vice-President not being Government officers, and of eight representatives of the sugar industry, eight representatives of the cocoa industry and eight representatives of other industries, elected by ballot at the annual general meeting in each year.

Two members representing the sugar industry, two members representing the cocoa industry and two members representing other industries shall retire in order of seniority of election in January of each year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Committee, the same shall be filled from among eligible members of the Society at a general meeting.

12.-POWERS OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

(1) The Committee shall have power to make and amend such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the management of the Society, including the conditions of membership of the Society.

(2) The Committee shall have power to appoint standing and special Committees, who shall submit their findings to the Committee for final consideration.

(3) The Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee, and shall receive such salary as may from time to time be fixed by the Committee.

(4) The Committee may expel or suspend any member of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the Committee of the Society present at the meeting at which the expulsion or suspension is, after due notice, considered, but no such vote shall be effective unless approved and confirmed by a majority of two-thirds at a subsequent General Meeting of the Society of which not less than 5 clear days' notice shall be given.

13.-MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be appointed by the President or the Acting President.

14.-QUORUM: MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Seven Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

15.-NON-ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

If any Member of the Committee shall fail to attend one-half of the meetings of the Committee in any one year, except by reason of absence from the Colony, illness or other good and sufficient cause, he shall upon a resolution of the Committee to that effect, cease to be a member of the Committee, and shall be notified accordingly by the Secretary.

16.-STANDING COMMITTEES

The members of the Committees appointed to represent the Sugar, Cocoa and other Industries shall be deemed Standing Committees to whom questions connected with these Industries respectively shall be submitted. The President of the Society shall be a member *ex officio* of all Committees.

17.-QUORUM: STANDING COMMITTEES

Four Members of a Standing Committee shall constitute a quorum.

18.-DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT,
HONORARY PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS,
AND HONORARY MEMBERS

(1) The Society shall have power from time to time to appoint deputies to act for the President, the Vice-President or for any member of the Committee.

(2) The Society shall have power to elect an Honorary President, Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members of the Society. Such Honorary President and Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members need not be members of the Society.

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19.—MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of all meetings shall be printed, and copies of these and of all Proceedings of the Society shall be supplied gratis to all Members whose subscriptions are not in arrears, as well as to Honorary Members and to Correspondents of the Society.

20.—FINANCE

All accounts for disbursements shall be submitted before payment to the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President.

21.—CHEQUES

Cheques shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President, or, in his absence, by the Vice-President.

22.—MONEYS

All moneys of the Society in excess of \$150.00, which amount may be retained to meet petty expenses, shall be paid into the Society's Bank Account by the Secretary within forty-eight hours of their receipt.

23.—SEAL

The Seal of the Society shall be that approved by the Society at the General Meeting held on the 9th October, 1930.

24.—SECRETARY

The Secretary shall also be the Treasurer. He shall present a financial statement to the Committee each quarter.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary, subject to the direction of the President or Vice-President to summon and attend all Meetings of the Society, and of all Committees.

He shall keep a record of the Proceedings of all meetings. Such records, together with all papers and books of the Society, shall be kept in the office of the Society and shall be in charge of the Secretary, who shall be in attendance at the office on such days and at such hours as the Committee may direct and shall arrange for access by the Members of the Society to such records, papers and books.

He shall, subject to the direction of the Committee, conduct the correspondence and the general business of the Society, and the editing of all the publications of the Society subject to the supervision of the President.

He will be charged with the organization and management of such Agricultural Shows as the Committee may decide to hold in the Colony.

He shall perform any other duties which may be required of him by the Committee.

25.—AFFILIATED BODIES

Revised and amended by the Committee of Management on the 8th August, 1935.

1. The Committee shall have power from time to time to affiliate, that is to say, attach to or connect with the Society in a non-executive capacity any District Society or other body whose objects pertain solely to agriculture, on approval of the rules and regulations governing such Society or Body.

2. The fee for such affiliation shall be the sum of Five Dollars (~~£5~~) payable on the date of affiliation and thereafter annually in advance on 1st January; which shall entitle the District Society or other affiliated body to receive two copies of the monthly "Proceedings" of the Society free of charge.

3. Every District Society or other affiliated body may forward to the Secretary of the Agricultural Society a notice of a motion adopted by the District Agricultural Society or other affiliated body, in the manner prescribed by Rule 7 of the rules, dealing with notices of motions.

4. Every District Society or other affiliated body shall have the right to send to the General Meetings of this Society one delegate, who shall be a *bona fide* member of such District Society or other affiliated body; but the Committee of Management reserves the right to cancel the appointment of any particular delegate at any time.

5. Every delegate shall have and enjoy all the rights and privileges of Ordinary Members of this Society during the period in which he represents his Society.

6. Every delegate shall be allowed free passage on the Trinidad Government Railway at the expense of the Society for the sole purpose of attending the meetings of the Society, and a Railway pass which has been issued to a delegate and not used for this purpose, shall be returned, within seven days after the date of the meeting referred to therein, to the Secretary of the Agricultural Society for cancellation.

7. No district Society or other affiliated body whose affiliation fee is three months in arrear shall be entitled to send a delegate to any meeting of this Society, or to send to the Committee any resolution or other matter for consideration or decision.

8. Minutes of the meetings of every District Society or other affiliated body shall be kept by the Secretary of the affiliated Society or body, and a report of the proceedings of each meeting shall be sent to the Secretary of the Agricultural Society as soon as possible, and not later than one month after the date of such meeting.

26.—CONFERENCES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONY

Conferences of members of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony for the purpose of discussing practical agricultural subjects shall be held on such dates as may be fixed by the Committee each year.

27.—ADOPTIONS OF PRESENT RULES, AND REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ENACTMENTS

The above Rules were unanimously adopted by the Committee of Management at the meeting held in the Society's Meeting Room at No. 5, Chacon Street, Port-of-Spain, on the 21st December, 1933, and all rules and regulations heretofore in operation are repealed.

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