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SCHEDULES.

CHAPTER 254.**FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.**

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An Ordinance to Facilitate the Deposit of Money in Savings Bank by, and repayments to, and for the registration of, Friendly Societies established within this Colony.

[20TH OCTOBER, 1886.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS certain Societies having the nature of Friendly Societies have been established in this Colony for lawful purposes of relief and assistance in cases of sickness, death and otherwise, and several applications have been made by the said Societies to deposit a portion of their funds in the Savings Bank of the Colony, but difficulties have been experienced in ascertaining the proper persons to make deposits or receive repayments in respect of the said funds, and it is expedient to make provision for easily making of such deposits and repayments, and for that purpose only, to provide also for the registration of the said Societies.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Friendly Societies Ordinance, and shall be read and construed with the Post Office Savings Bank Ordinance.

Short title and construction. Cap. 161.

2. The Societies for all or any of the following purposes hereinafter called "Friendly Societies" may, if established in this Colony, be registered under this Ordinance, viz., Societies established to provide by voluntary subscriptions of members thereof, with or without aid or donations—

Registration of certain Societies as Friendly Societies.

(1) for the relief or maintenance of the members, their husbands, wives, children, fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters, nephews or nieces, or wards, or orphans during sickness or other infirmity, whether bodily or mental, or in widowhood, or for the relief or maintenance of the orphan children of members during their minority;

(2) for insuring money to be paid on the birth of a member's child or on the death of a member or for the funeral expenses of the husband, wife, child, ward or nominee of a member, or of the widow of a deceased member;

(3) for the relief or maintenance of a member when in distressed circumstances, or in the case of loss by fire or other accident;

(4) for the loan of money to members or for the safe keeping or investment of the money of members.

3. A register of Friendly Societies as defined by this Ordinance shall be established under the superintendence of the Registrar General.

Establishment of register.

4. It shall be lawful for the President, secretary, or treasurer of a Friendly Society as above defined to make or cause to be made to the Registrar General, in respect of such Society, a return of the following particulars according to the second schedule hereto annexed, that is to say—

Return to be made to Registrar General by officers of Society.

(a) the name or designation of the Society;

(b) the name of the city, town or village in which the same is established;

(c) the names and addresses of the President or other chief officer, secretary, and treasurer thereof;

(d) the number of members in the Society at the date of the making of the return;

(e) the name or names of the person or persons who is, or are, entitled to make deposits to, or receive payments out of, the Savings Bank in respect of such deposits for, or on behalf of, the Society.

Registrar
General to
keep a
register of
returns.

5. It shall be the duty of the Registrar General, and he is hereby required upon receipt of the appointed fee from the person making such return or requiring any act or thing to be done as hereinafter provided, to register every return made in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance in a book to be kept for that purpose at the office of the Registrar General, and called the Register of Friendly Societies, and to make any entry in, or endorsement on, the register of the statement of the change of any of the circumstances, and the particulars thereof, as hereinafter mentioned; and immediately thereafter to cause to be published in the *Gazette* the fact of such registration and the name or names of the person or persons registered as entitled to make deposits or receive payments for, and on behalf of, the Friendly Society as aforesaid, and of such change of circumstances and the particulars thereof.

Change of
officials to
be notified to
Registrar
General.

6. Whenever there shall be any change of the person or any of the persons entitled to make deposits or receive payments as aforesaid for, or on behalf of, a Friendly Society, a statement of such change and the particulars thereof shall, upon the application of any of the aforesaid officers for the time being of the Society, or upon the order of the Judge as hereinafter provided, be entered in or endorsed on the said register.

Objections to
the register
of Friendly
Society to be
made to Chief
Justice in
chambers.

7. Any member of a Society disputing the correctness of the register with respect to the name or names of the person mentioned in such register as entitled to receive payments as aforesaid for, and on behalf of, a Friendly Society, may apply to the Chief Justice in chambers for a summons calling upon all such persons, as the Judge shall think fit, to show cause why the name or names of the proper person or persons entitled to receive such payments as aforesaid for, or on behalf of, the Society shall not be entered in, or endorsed on, such register, and upon the hearing of such order the Judge shall, if necessary, by his order declare and direct the names of what person or persons shall be entered in or endorsed on such register either in lieu of, or substitution for, or addition to, the name or names of the person or persons already entered in, or endorsed on, the said register; and upon presentation of such order to the Registrar General by any person, and upon payment by him of

the appointed fee, the Registrar General shall make the entry or endorsement accordingly.

8. All persons shall be at liberty to search and inspect the said register from time to time during the hours of business at the office of the Registrar General; and any person may require a copy of any entry or endorsement or extract from the said register to be certified by, and under the official seal of, the Registrar General.

Power to search register.

9. There shall be paid to the Registrar General the fees set forth in the first schedule to this Ordinance, which are the appointed fees hereinbefore mentioned, which fees shall be paid in stamps in manner prescribed by the Stamp Duty Ordinance.

Fees to be paid.

Cap. 274.

10. It shall be lawful for the President, secretary or treasurer, or other authorised officer of a Friendly Society duly registered under the provisions of this Ordinance, to pay on deposit into the Savings Bank the moneys of such Society.

Power to pay in deposits.

11. Any deposit of money made in the Savings Banks for, or on behalf of, a Friendly Society, and any interest which shall accrue thereon, may be withdrawn by, and paid to, the person or persons whose names shall for the time being be mentioned on the said register as entitled to receive the payment of the same out of the Savings Bank for, and on behalf of, the said Society, and shall have been published in the *Gazette* not less than one month prior to the date of such payment; and the receipt of such person or persons for any money so received by him or them, shall be a sufficient discharge to the Treasurer or other officer paying the same, and to the Government.

Persons who may draw money belonging to Friendly Societies.

12. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to draw up and promulgate from time to time rules as to the depositing of moneys in the Savings Bank for, and on behalf of, a Friendly Society.

Rules to be drawn up by Governor in Council.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

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FEES.

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| (1) For registering every return made according to the provisions of this Ordinance... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| (2) For searching and inspecting register of Friendly Society | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| (3) For a certified copy of any entry in, endorsement on, or extract from, the said register (if under 5 folios) | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Above 5 folios, at 1s. a folio. | | | |

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THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

RETURN MADE PURSUANT TO THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ORDINANCE.

Name or designation of Society.	Place where same established.	Names and addresses of Officers.	Number of Members in the Society on date of return.	Names of Persons entitled to make deposits in, or receive payments out of, Savings Bank on behalf of Society.

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