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An Act to provide for the registration of newspapers.

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[20th February, 1900] Commence-
ment.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Registration of Newspapers Act*. Short title.

2. For the purposes of this Act, the expression Interpretation.

"newspaper" means any paper containing public news, intelligence or occurrences, or any remarks or observations thereon, printed for sale and published in Barbados periodically or in parts or numbers, at intervals not exceeding 21 days between the publication of any 2 such papers, parts or numbers, and also any paper printed in order to be dispersed and made public at intervals not exceeding 21 days, containing only or principally advertisements;

"occupation" when applied to any person means his trade or following, and, if none, then his rank or usual title, as esquire, gentleman;

"place of residence" includes the street or place where the person to whom it refers resides, and the number (if any) or other designation of the house in which he so resides;

"proprietor" includes as well the sole proprietor of any newspaper, as also, in the case of a divided proprietorship, the persons who, as partners or otherwise, represent and are responsible for any share or interest in the newspaper as between themselves and the persons in like manner representing or responsible for the other shares or interests therein and no other person ; and

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1988-6. "Registrar" means the Registrar of Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property.

Return to be made in the month of May.
First Schedule.

3. (1) It shall be the duty of the printers and publishers for the time being of every newspaper to make or cause to be made to the Registrar in the month of May in every year, a return of the following particulars according to the First Schedule, that is to say

- (a) the title of the newspaper;
- (b) the names of all the proprietors of such newspaper together with their respective occupations, places of business (if any) and places of residence.

1968-40. (2) There shall be paid to the Registrar by the printers and publishers for the time being of every newspaper on the filing of the return under subsection (1) a fee of \$100.

Penalty for failing to make return or pay fee.

4. Any printer and publisher for the time being of a newspaper who fails

- (a) to make a return in accordance with subsection (1) of section 3; or

1968-40.

- (b) to pay the fee specified in subsection (2) of section 3,
- shall on summary conviction be liable to a penalty of \$250 and also to be ordered by the magistrate to make the return or pay the fee, as the case may be, within the time specified in the order and in default thereof to be imprisoned for 3 months.

Transfer to be registered.

5. (1) Any party to a transfer or transmission of or dealing with any share of or interest in any newspaper whereby any person ceases to be a proprietor or any new proprietor is introduced shall forthwith make or cause to be made to the Registrar a return according to the Second Schedule containing the particulars therein set forth.

Second Schedule.

(2) Until such return is registered, the former proprietor shall remain liable for everything published in a newspaper.

Penalty for making false or incomplete return.

6. (1) Any person who knowingly and wilfully makes or causes to be made any return required by this Act in which is inserted or set forth the name of any person as a proprietor of a newspaper who is not a proprietor thereof, or in which there is any misrepresentation, or from which there is any omission in respect of any of the particulars by this Act required to be contained

therein, whereby such return is misleading shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of \$48.

(2) Any proprietor of a newspaper who knowingly or wilfully permits any such return to be made which is misleading as to any of the particulars with reference to his own name, occupation, place of business (if any) or place of residence shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of \$48.

7. (1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar and he is hereby required forthwith to register every return made in conformity with this Act in a book to be kept for that purpose at the Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office called the Register of Newspaper Proprietors.

Registrar to open a register of newspaper proprietors. 1988-6.

(2) All persons shall be at liberty to search and inspect the said book from time to time during the hours of business at the Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office, and any person may require a copy of any entry in or an extract from the book to be certified by the Registrar or his deputy for the time being upon payment of 12 cents.

8. Every copy of any entry in or extract from the Register purporting to be certified by the Registrar or his deputy shall be received as conclusive evidence of the contents of the Register, so far as the same appear in such copy or extract without proof of the signature thereto, and every such certified copy or extract shall in all proceedings, civil or criminal, be accepted as *prima facie* evidence of all the matters and things thereby appearing, unless and until the contrary be shown.

Certified copies of extracts *prima facie* evidence.

9. (1) It shall be the duty of the publishers for the time being of every newspaper to forward within 7 days after publication to the Librarian of the Public Library, who shall give a receipt therefor if required, a copy to be signed by the editor or publisher of every issue of the newspaper printed and published by them. Such copies shall not be for the use of the general public but shall be filed by the Librarian in the Public Library.

A copy of every newspaper to be forwarded to Public Library to be filed.

(2) Any such publisher who fails to comply with subsection (1) shall be liable to a penalty of \$5.

10. All penalties under this Act may be recovered in a summary manner before a magistrate on the information of any person.

Penalties.

Act not to apply to newspaper owned by joint stock company. Cap. 308.

11. The provisions as to the registration of newspaper proprietors contained in this Act do not apply to the case of any newspaper which belongs to a joint stock company duly incorporated under and subject to the *Companies Act*.

s.3(1).

FIRST SCHEDULE

Return made pursuant to the Registration of Newspapers Act (Chapter 302)

Title of Newspaper	Names of Proprietors	Occupations of Proprietors	Places of business (if any) of Proprietors	Places of residence of Proprietors

5(1).

SECOND SCHEDULE

Return made pursuant to the Registration of Newspapers Act (Chapter 302)

Title of Newspaper	Names of persons who cease to be proprietors	Names of persons who become Proprietors	Occupation of new Proprietors	Places of business (if any) of new Proprietors	Places of residence of new Proprietors