

47. Where the registration of a society is cancelled the society shall cease to exist as a corporate body—

Effect of cancellation of registration.

- (a) in the case of cancellation in accordance with the provisions of section 45 from the date on which the order of cancellation takes effect;
- (b) in the case of cancellation in accordance with the provisions of section 46, from the date of the order.

48.—(1) Where the registration of a society is cancelled under section 45 or section 46, the registrar may appoint a competent person to be liquidator of the society.

Winding-up.

(2) A liquidator appointed under sub-section (1) shall have power—

- (a) to institute and defend suits and other legal proceedings by and on behalf of the society by his name or office and to appear in court as a litigant in person on behalf of the society;
- (b) to refer disputes to arbitration;
- (c) to determine the contribution to be made by the members and past members and by the estates of deceased members of the society respectively to the assets of the society;
- (d) to investigate all claims against the society, and, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, to decide questions of priority arising between claimants;
- (e) to determine from time to time by what persons and in what proportion the costs of the liquidation are to be borne;
- (f) to take possession of the books, documents and assets of the society; and
- (g) to give such directions in regard to the collection and distribution of the assets of the society and the disposal of the books and documents of the society as may appear to him to be necessary for winding up the affairs of the society.

(3) Subject to any rules, a liquidator appointed under this section shall in so far as such powers are necessary for carrying out the purpose of this section have power to summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses and to compel the production of documents by the same means and (so far as may be) in the same manner as is provided in the case of a court under the Civil Procedure Code.

(4) The rules may provide for an appeal to a subordinate court of the first class having jurisdiction over the area in which the headquarters of the society are situate from any order made by a liquidator under this section,

(5) Orders made under this section may be enforced as follows:—

- (a) when made by a liquidator, by any court having jurisdiction, in the same manner as the decree of such court;
- (b) when made by a subordinate court on appeal, in the matter of any such appeal as aforesaid in the same manner as a decree of such court in any suit pending therein.

Power of registrar to assess damage against delinquent promoters, etc.

49.—(1) Where, in the case of the winding up of a society it appears that any person who has taken part in the organisation or management of the society or any past or present chairman, secretary, member of the committee or officer of the society has misapplied or retained or become liable or accountable for any money or property of the society or has been guilty of misfeasance or breach of trust in relation to the society, the registrar may, on the application of the liquidator or of any creditor or contributory, examine into the conduct of such person and make an order requiring him to repay or restore the money or property or any part thereof respectively with interest at such rate as the registrar thinks just or to contribute such sum to the assets of the society by way of compensation in regard to the misapplication, retainer, misfeasance or breach of trust as the registrar thinks just.

(2) Save in so far as is hereinbefore expressly provided, no civil court shall have any jurisdiction in respect of any matter connected with the dissolution of a registered society.

RULES.

Rules.

50.—(1) The Governor in Council may, for any registered society or class of such societies, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may—

- (a) subject to the provisions of section 5 prescribe the maximum number of shares or portion of the capital of a society which may be held by a member;
- (b) prescribe the forms to be used and the conditions to be complied with in the making of applications for the registration of a society and the procedure in the matter of such applications;
- (c) prescribe the matters in respect of which a society may or shall make bye-laws and for the procedure to

- be followed in making, altering and abrogating by-laws, and the conditions to be satisfied prior to such making alteration or abrogation;
- (d) prescribe the conditions to be complied with by persons applying for admission or admitted as members and provide for the election and admission of members, and the payment to be made and the interests to be acquired before the exercise of the right of membership;
 - (e) regulate the manner in which funds may be raised by means of shares or debentures or otherwise and the form in which any application for financial assistance from the Government shall be made;
 - (f) provide for general meetings of the members and for the procedure at such meetings and the powers to be exercised by such meetings;
 - (g) provide for the appointment, suspension and removal of the members of the committee and other officers and for the procedure at meetings of the committee and for the powers to be exercised and the duties to be performed by the committee and other officers;
 - (h) provide for audit of the accounts and books to be kept by a society and the charges, if any, to be made for such audit;
 - (i) provide for the periodical publication of a balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities of a society;
 - (j) provide for the persons by whom and the form in which copies of entries in books of societies may be certified;
 - (k) provide for the formation and maintenance of a register of members and, where the liability of members is limited by shares, of the register of shares;
 - (l) provide that any dispute touching the business of a society between the members or past members of the society or persons claiming through a member or past member or between a member or past member or persons so claiming and the committee or any officer shall be referred to the registrar for decision or, if he so directs, to arbitration under the Arbitration Ordinance, 1931;
 - (m) provide for the withdrawal and expulsion of members and for the payments, if any, to be made to members who withdraw or are expelled and for the liabilities of past members;

- (n) provide for the mode in which the value of a deceased member's interest shall be ascertained and for the nomination of a person to whom such interest may be paid or transferred;
 - (o) provide for the mode in which the value of the interest of a member who has become of unsound mind and incapable of managing himself or his affairs shall be ascertained and for the nomination of any person to whom such interest may be paid or transferred;
 - (p) prescribe the payments to be made and the conditions to be complied with by members applying for loans, the period for which loans may be made and the amount which may be lent, to an individual member;
 - (q) provide for the formation and maintenance of reserve funds, and the objects to which such funds may be applied, and for the investment of any funds under the control of the society;
 - (r) prescribe the extent to which a society may limit the number of its members;
 - (s) prescribe the conditions under which accumulated funds may be distributed to the members of a society with unlimited liability and the maximum rate of dividend which may be paid by societies;
 - (t) subject to the provisions of section 45 determine in what cases an appeal shall lie from the orders of the registrar and prescribe the procedure to be followed in presenting and disposing of such appeals; and
 - (u) prescribe the procedure to be followed by a liquidator appointed under section 48 and the cases in which an appeal shall lie from the order of such liquidator.
- (3) In any case where the registrar is satisfied that a substantial number of members of any society are unacquainted with the English language, he shall cause such rules to be translated into a language with which such members are acquainted, and additionally to be made known in such manner as is customary for the community concerned.

Power of
registrar to
prescribe.

51. The registrar shall have power to prescribe—

- (a) the accounts and books to be kept by a society;
- (b) the returns to be submitted by a society to the registrar and the persons by whom and the form in which such returns shall be submitted;

(c) the maximum loan which may be made by a society to any of the members thereof without the prior consent of the registrar.

52.—(1) All sums due from a registered society or from an officer or member or past member of a registered society as such to the Government, including any costs awarded to the Government under section 43 may be recovered in the manner provided for the recovery of Crown debts under the law for the time being in force.

Recovery of sums due to Government.

(2) Sums due from a registered society to Government and recoverable under sub-section (1) may be recovered first, from the property of the society; secondly, in the case of a society of which the liability of members is limited, from the members subject to the limit of their liability; and thirdly in the case of other societies, from the members.

OFFENCES.

53.—(1) It shall be an offence under this Ordinance if—

Offences.

(a) a society or an officer or a member thereof wilfully neglects or refuses to do any act or to furnish any information required for the purposes of this Ordinance by the registrar or other person duly authorised by him in writing in this behalf; or

Wilful neglect or default by a society, etc.

(b) a society or an officer or member thereof wilfully makes a false return or furnishes false information; or

Wilful furnishing of false information.

(c) any person wilfully or without any reasonable excuse disobeys any summons, requisition or lawful written order issued under the provisions of this Ordinance or does not furnish any information lawfully required from him by a person authorised to do so under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Disobedience of summons, requisition or order.

(2) Every society, officer or member of a society or other person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred shillings.

54. Any person, firm or company having knowledge or notice of the existence of a contract described in section 35 or of an obligation upon producers as in section 36, who solicits or persuades any person to sell or deliver produce in violation of that contract or obligation shall be liable to a fine of five hundred shillings for each offence, and shall in addition pay to the society concerned the market price of such produce as at the date of such offence.

Penalty for soliciting violation of contracts.

Prohibition
of the use
of word "co-
operative".

55.—(1) No person other than a registered society shall trade or carry on business under any name or title of which the word "co-operative" or its equivalent in any other language is part without the sanction of the Governor.

(2) Whoever contravenes the provisions of this section shall on conviction be punishable with a fine not exceeding two hundred shillings and in the case of a continuing offence with a further fine of fifty shillings for each day on which the offence is continued after conviction therefor.

Power to
exempt
societies
from condi-
tions as to
registration.

56. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance the Governor may, by special order in each case and subject to such conditions, if any, as he may impose, exempt any society from any of the requirements of this Ordinance as to registration.

Power to
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of the
Ordinance.

57. The Governor may, by general or special order exempt any registered society from any of the provisions of this Ordinance or may direct that such provisions shall apply to such society with such modifications as may be specified in the order.

Power
to make
bye-laws.

58. Every registered society may, subject to the approval of the registrar, make bye-laws for any such things as are necessary or desirable for the purposes for which such society is established.

Saving.
Ords. Nos. 46
and 16 of 1931
Ord. No. 1
of 1930.

59. The provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1931, the Credit to Natives (Restriction) Ordinance, 1931, and the Registration of Business Names Ordinance, 1930, shall not apply to societies registered under this Ordinance.

Passed in the Legislative Council on the fifth day of February, 1932.

G. F. SAYERS,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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BUGUFI COFFEE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED.

BYE-LAWS UNDER THE CO-OPERATIVE
SOCIETIES ORDINANCE, 1932.

1. The Society shall be known as the Bugufi Coffee Co-operative Society Limited.

2. The address of the Society shall be the Bugufi Coffee Co-operative Society Limited, Post Office, Ngara, Biharamulo District, Lake Province, Tanganyika Territory.

OBJECTS.

3. The objects of the Society are to encourage agricultural development, and to promote the economic interests of the members of the Society in accordance with co-operative principles, and more particularly to -

- (1) arrange the joint sale on commission or otherwise of coffee and other agricultural produce handed over to the Society by the members thereof. To these ends the Society may provide such offices, storage accommodation, transport, land and other services as may be necessary to fulfil these and any other of its objects;
- (2) arrange the purchase of seed, agricultural implements and other agricultural requirements, on behalf of the members;
- (3) do all things as may be necessary for the care of the plantations of members and for the prevention and eradication of pests and diseases of crops and animals;
- (4) advance loans to members on the security of their produce delivered to the Society's godowns;
- (5) raise loans, subject to any limit imposed by the Registrar from financing institutions for the furtherance of these objects; and

(6) take other measures designed to encourage the spirit and practice of thrift, mutual help and self help.

4. For the furtherance of these objects the Society may take shares in other registered co-operative societies, of which the liability is limited.

PURPOSES OF THE FUNDS.

5. The funds of the society may be applied to the furtherance of the objects of the Society, to the purposes set forth in Bye-Law: 46, and to the maintenance of such staff as is necessary for the due performance of such objects in a strictly economical manner.

MEMBERSHIP.

6. The members shall consist of :-

- (1) individuals who join in the application for registration;
- (2) individuals admitted in accordance with these Bye-Laws.
- (3) Every member of the Society must be a native of good character and a bona fide agricultural producer ordinarily resident in the Ngara Division of the Biharamulo District.
- (4) Members shall be admitted after election by the Managing Committee, subject to the confirmation of a general meeting.
- (5) Every member on his admission shall sign his name or make his thumb mark in the register of members in the presence of two members of the Committee.

7. Membership shall be terminated by :-

- (1) death or permanent insanity of a member;
- (2) ceasing to hold the share or shares prescribed by Bye-Law 14;

- (3) withdrawal after 3 months' notice to the Secretary;
- (4) expulsion by a two-thirds majority of a general meeting at which not less than half the members or 50, whichever may be less, are present and vote; and
- (5) his removal of residence from the Ngara Division of the Biharamulo District or ceasing to have a plantation therein.

8. A member shall not transfer any share held by him except to an existing shareholder or to any other person qualified under Bye-Law 6(3) and approved by the Managing Committee for this purpose.

9. An individual whose membership is terminated shall be entitled to receive the value of his shares (less any sum due from him) on the expiry of two years from the termination of membership.

10. The value of the share shall, in no case, be more than the sum received by the Society in payment thereof.

11. A member may be expelled for :-

- (1) failure to pay any sum due from him to the Society;
- (2) conviction of a criminal offence involving dishonesty or resulting in his imprisonment for 3 months or more;
- (3) giving or tendering any gratuity or commission to any one employed by the Society;
- (4) action which may be held by the Committee to be dishonest or contrary to the stated objects of the Society or to the interest of co-operation, such as adulterating his produce or refusing to sell through the Society, such of his produce as may be prescribed by the Committee from time to time.

LIABILITY.

12. The liability of members for the debts of the Society shall be limited to the nominal value of their shares.

FUNDS.

13. The funds of the Society shall consist of :-

- (1) an undetermined number of shares of the value of ten cents each;
- (2) a levy imposed in accordance with Bye-Law 17;
- (3) loans from financing institutions and other sources as approved by the Registrar;
- (4) such portion of the reserve fund and other funds as sanctioned by the Registrar;
- (5) selling commission and other commercial charge on business transacted for the members;
- (6) balance of accumulated funds;
- (7) miscellaneous.

14. Each individual member shall hold at least one share which shall be paid within one year of election, and not more than one-tenth of the subscribed share capital.

15. If any person, other than a member, by inheritance or otherwise becomes possessed of more than the maximum holding permitted by these Bye-Laws the Managing Committee shall have power to sell the excess number or to buy them on behalf of the Society and to hold the proceeds at his disposal..

16. Shares shall not be returned otherwise than as provided in Bye-Laws 8, 9, 10 and 11.

17. The Society shall be authorized to levy and retain each year upon all parchment coffee marketed by or through it a contribution not exceeding two cents of a shilling per lb.

18. The Society may charge a commission on sales and purchases and other commercial charges on business transacted for members as may be fixed from time to time by the Managing Committee of the Society.

GENERAL MEETING.

19. (1) A General Meeting shall be convened at least once a year, if possible in the month of June or July or as soon after as may be found practicable, and at other times when summoned by the Registrar or the President, or by the Committee of their own motion or at the written request of not less than members.

(2) Fourteen days' notice shall be given in the case of an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. The notice shall specify the date, hour, place of the meeting and the business to be transacted and shall be made known in the manner customary in Ngara.

(3) The presence of at least 50 individual members shall be necessary for the disposal of any business at such meetings.

(4) The President shall preside as Chairman at every general meeting of the Society. If there is not such President or if at any meeting he is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or is unwilling to act, the members present shall choose some one of their number to be chairman.

(5) If in the case of an ordinary general meeting a quorum is not forthcoming, the Chairman shall postpone the meeting to a date not less than seven days and not more than fourteen days later, and the business transacted at the postponed meeting shall be the same and no other proposed for the original date of meeting. At such postponed meeting if a quorum is still not forthcoming, resolutions may be carried by a majority of three-fourths of the members present.

(6) For a special general meeting requested by the members the requisition must state the object of the meeting to be called, and be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the registered office of the Society, provided that if any of the requisitionists are illiterate they may affix their right thumb marks to the requisition.

20. In a general meeting the following business shall be transacted :-

- (1) confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting;
- (2) the election, suspension and removal of members of the Managing Committee and other office holders;
- (3) the consideration and adoption of the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet and of the auditor's report and the inspection notes of the Registrar;
- (4) the disposal of surplus accumulated funds in accordance with the Ordinance, the Rules thereunder and these Bye-Laws;
- (5) the confirmation of the admission and expulsion of members; and
- (6) fixing the maximum liability as required by Rule 6.

21. All business discussed or decided at a General Meeting shall be recorded in a minute book which shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

MANAGING COMMITTEE.

22. The Managing Committee shall consist of 10 individual members including a President. The members shall be elected for one year and shall be eligible for re-election.

23. Meetings of the Committee shall be held when necessary. The attendance of at least 5 members shall be required for the disposal of any business. The President

or, in his absence, one of the members shall preside. Each member shall have one vote. A member of the Committee shall cease to hold office if he ceases to be member of the Society.

24. The Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Society, except those reserved for the General Meeting, subject to any regulation or restriction duly laid down by the Society in a General Meeting, or in these Bye-Laws, and in particular shall have the following powers and duties :-

- (1) to maintain true and accurate accounts;
- (2) to keep a true and accurate account of assets and liabilities;
- (3) to keep a correct register of members with the annual count of mature and immature coffee trees;
- (4) to lay before the Annual General Meeting a profit and loss account and an audited balance sheet;
- (5) to assist the inspection of the books by any person authorized to see them;
- (6) to watch that the bye-law binding the members to deal with the Society is observed;
- (7) to hear and deal with complaints;
- (8) to arrange for the delivery of the produce of members and to do all things necessary for the marketing of the crop;
- (9) through any member of the Committee, or the Secretary, or any employee specially authorized, to institute, defend, compromise, refer to arbitration, or abandon, any legal proceedings by or against the Society or Committee or officers or employees concerning the affairs of the Society;
- (10) to require members to carry out all measures necessary for the prevention and eradication of diseases and pests of crops, and in the event of default by a member to carry out such measures on

behalf of and at the expense of the defaulting member;

- (11) to consider the inspection notes of the Registrar and take any necessary action;
- (12) to elect new members, subject to the confirmation of a General Meeting;
- (13) to summon General Meetings in accordance with Bye-Law 19(2);
- (14) to contract loans subject to any restrictions imposed by the General Meeting or by the Registrar, and to see that loan moneys are properly applied;
- (15) to decide terms on which seed, agricultural implements and other agricultural requirements shall be brought and sold for the use of members;
- (16) to arrange for the safe custody of all produce, stock and cash;
- (17) to watch for and guard against the adulteration of the produce sold through the Society;
- (18) to appoint, suspend, punish or dismiss employees;
- (19) to effect all ordinary business insurances and take such other precautions as are customary in connection with the marketing of agricultural and other produce; and
- (20) generally to carry on the business of the Society.

25. In the conduct of the affairs of the Society the Committee shall exercise the prudence and diligence of ordinary men of business.

26. The Committee may delegate to the officers of the Society such of its own powers as may be prescribed by a General Meeting.

27. All business discussed or decided at a meeting of the Committee shall be recorded in a minute book which

shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting and all members of the Committee present.

LOANS TO MEMBERS.

28. (1) The rate of interest on loans shall not exceed 8 per cent, but interest need not necessarily be charged.

(2) The maximum amount which may be advanced to a member against produce delivered for sale shall be fixed by the Committee of Management with the approval of the Registrar.

(3) The purpose of loans to members shall only be for advances against produce for sale and delivered to the Society's godown.

(4) Security for repayment shall be the produce already delivered and any produce harvested during the two subsequent years.

(5) If members are advanced in any year a sum in excess of the realization of the produce delivered against such advances, the Society may extend the period for repayment till the next two crops are harvested.

SUPERVISING MANAGER.

29. The Committee shall appoint, should the Registrar so require, a person who shall be acceptable to the Registrar as Supervising Manager of the Society, at such salary and upon such terms of service as may be agreed upon with the sanction of the Registrar and whose dismissal shall be subject to the consent of the Registrar. The Supervising Manager, if appointed, shall be present to advise the Committee at their meetings if necessary but shall not vote.

30. The powers and duties of the Supervising Manager, if appointed, shall be :-

- (1) generally to manage and conduct the current business of the Society, and if necessary to sign on behalf of the Society;
- (2) to perform all duties entrusted or delegated to him by the Committee under Bye-Law 26;
- (3) to attend, where necessary, all meetings of the Committee and General Meeting for the purpose of giving advice.

SECRETARY.

31. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and may require him to give such security as the Committee deems sufficient, and shall control the Secretary.

32. The powers and duties of the Secretary shall be as follows :-

- (1) To superintend working of the office, and to be responsible for the proper maintenance and posting of the books of the Society.
- (2) To procure from buyers and sellers the due execution of receipts and other acknowledgments.
- (3) To receive deposits and issue receipts as prescribed by the Committee.
- (4) To buy and sell agricultural produce and requirements as directed by the Committee.
- (5) To receive money due to the Society and give receipts.
- (6) To pay money due from the Society as directed by the Committee.
- (7) To incur contingent expenditure subject to the sanction of the Committee.
- (8) To sign on behalf of the Society and conduct its correspondence.
- (9) To summon and attend General Meetings and meetings of the Committee at such times as he is directed by the Committee.

(10) Generally to conduct the current business of the Society and to perform all duties entrusted to him by the Committee.

33. Copies of the Bye-Laws and of the annual balance sheet shall be available to any member for scrutiny during office hours.

34. All charge or other instruments executed on behalf of the Society, except receipts shall bear the signature of the Secretary and also at least two members of the Committee as representing the Society.

35. The Committee may direct that the duties of the Secretary should be performed by the Supervising Manager.

TREASURER.

36. If a separate Treasurer is appointed by the General Meeting he shall take charge of all money entrusted to him by the Society and account duly for the same and make such payments as the Committee or Secretary may order in accordance with their powers. The Treasurer shall not keep in hand an amount of money in excess of his immediate requirements as fixed from time to time to the Committee and shall pay all sums exceeding this amount into the account of the Society with the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited. He shall produce the cash books and the balance whenever called upon to do so by the Committee or auditor. If no Treasurer is appointed these duties shall be performed by the Secretary. He shall give security of not less than Shs.

37. The Registrar, by order under his hand and seal, shall have power to suspend or remove any officer, official or employee of the Society, and if he sees fit may appoint for such time as he considers necessary any other person, whether a member or not of the Society, to fulfil the duties

of the office or offices of such officer, official or employee to such extent as the Registrar may prescribe, and such person shall have all the powers and duties attached to the office or offices by the rules and bye-laws. His remuneration, if any, shall be fixed by the Registrar and paid by the Society.

BINDING RULES.

38. Every member of the Society shall deliver to the Society at such place as the Society shall direct all coffee grown by him to be marketed by the Society.

39. The Society shall undertake the joint sale of all coffee which is handed over to it for sale by the members and shall make arrangements for the delivery of the coffee and the distribution of the money therefrom.

40. Should any member, without the authority of the Society, deliver, sell, give, or otherwise dispose of any coffee to any firms, person or body of persons other than the Society he shall pay to the Society by way of liquidated damages double the value of such coffee at current local prices or 60 cents a lb. or such less sum as the Society may be willing to accept.

41. The Society may undertake the sale of any other produce provided such produce is delivered in good condition and at such times and places as may be notified by the Committee. Should the Society require that any other agricultural produce of members shall be disposed of through the Society, on and after a date to be fixed by the Committee no member of the Society who shall have such agricultural produce suitable for disposal shall dispose of such produce to any company, society or person other than the Society. Any member committing a breach of this bye-law shall be liable to pay the Society a sum not exceeding

Shs.5/- for each such default or a sum not exceeding twice the market value of the produce involved.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

42. All transactions shall be in strictly cash terms and no credit shall be allowed, save as provided in Bye-Law 28(3).

43. The Society may join in co-operative purchase and sale with other registered societies in Tanganyika Territory.

44. Every member shall be bound by the rules or instructions of the Managing Committee of the Society as to the growing, care of, grading and pooling of his agricultural produce in respect of its quality and bulk.

45. In applying to a financing institution for an advance the Committee shall, if so required by such institution, furnish a statement of all outstanding advances from any source whatsoever certified by the Registrar.

DISPOSAL OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS.

46. The accumulated funds available for distribution shall be applied as follows :-

- (1) Not less than 25 per cent shall be carried to the statutory reserve fund.
- (2) 10 per cent to a general reserve fund.
- (3) Any unused balance after provision has been made for normal current expenses shall be paid to a building, depreciation or such other fund or

purpose as may be prescribed by the Registrar.

47. The Statutory Reserve Fund, or part of it, may be used to the business of the Society, as the Registrar sanctions and exists to :-

- (1) cover liabilities in case of dissolution;
- (2) cover unforeseen losses arising from unforeseen circumstances, (any drawings upon it being reimbursed from the next accruing available funds);
- (3) build up a working capital which will be independent of loans.

If invested, it shall be invested as the Registrar directs.

DISPUTES.

48. Any disputes concerning these Bye-Laws or the business of the Society between members or past members of the Society or persons claiming through them or between a member or past member or persons so claiming and the Committee or any officer shall be referred to the Registrar, whose decision shall be final.

LIQUIDATION.

49. The Society shall be liquidated only by the order of the Registrar under section 45 of the Ordinance.

AMENDMENT OF BYE-LAWS.

50. Subject to Rule 5 of the Co-operative Societies Rules, 1932, bye-laws can be amended provided that notice of the amendment has been given to the Registrar and the members in the customary manner fourteen days prior to the meeting. Amendments take effect after being registered under section 11 of the Ordinance.

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