

any person feeling himself aggrieved by any such fine or decision may appeal to the Council for revision; and in the event of any person convicted of committing a breach of any by-law refusing to pay the fine imposed, it shall be duty of such Committee to make a report and explanation of the case to the Council." (It being the desire of the Conference that the Maori Council Department will draft rules and regulations for the proper carrying-out of the provisions of the new clause.)

- (e.) If prior to the election of members for the year 1904 it is deemed advisable to divide any Maori Council districts, the Governor is recommended to use his authority under section 6.
- (f.) Section 18, 8th line. After the words "as the" to insert the words "Medical Maori Officer of the Health Department" in lieu of the words "District Health Officer."

This Conference further desires and recommends that the Maori Councils Acts may be amended with a view to extending the powers of the Councils as follows:—

- (a.) That they shall have full power, subject to proper regulations, to deal with minor offences committed by one Maori against another, such as assault, theft, false accusation, slander, or cursing.
- (b.) To inquire and decide upon proper regulations for the payment of all petty debts due by Maoris to Maoris as provided for in "The Maori Committees Act, 1883."
- (c.) In all Native districts where no local European bodies have been constituted the Governor may delegate to the Councils of such districts all or any of the powers of such local bodies, and also the power to appoint the necessary officers to administer such powers and authority as may be deemed necessary.

### No. 3.

#### *Amendment of By-laws.*

The following resolutions were adopted by the Conference:—

1. In the opinion of this Conference it is advisable and expedient that power to make by-laws shall be vested in the Conference, and not in each District Council as heretofore:

- (a.) Provided always that under special circumstances affecting particular districts, only those districts shall have power to submit their own by-laws to the Governor for approval.
  - (b.) The Conference shall have the discretionary power, while making any general by-laws, to except the application of any such by-laws to any district where it is shown that it would not be advisable to administer the same.
  - (c.) All by-laws now in force to have full force and effect until those revised or adopted by the general Conference have been approved of and gazetted.
2. The Conference recommends the Maori Councils to make by-laws as follows:—
- (a.) To prevent parents or guardians taking infants into crowded houses during meetings, as such practice is injurious to their health.
  - (b.) To erect latrines in all Maori villages or pas for the convenience of the Maori inhabitants thereof; and in the case of runanga or meeting houses there should be separate conveniences for both sexes.
  - (c.) It is expedient that power be given to Councils regarding their mussel-beds as follows: The Council of any district shall have power, by affixing notices in any Maori pa or village in such district, and as near as may be to the mussel-bed in question, to warn any person or persons from interfering with the same during such time or season as the Council deems absolutely necessary for the preservation thereof. Notice of intention to close such mussel-bed shall be issued at least one month before the closing of the same. After such notification has been duly issued and such mussel-bed has been duly closed, it shall not be lawful for any person, Native or European, to take or remove mussels from such mussel-bed, and any infraction of such rule shall be punishable by fine.

It shall not be lawful for any person to take or procure for consumption any pipis, oysters, mussels, or shell-fish within half a mile on either side of the outfall of any sewage or drainage.

- (d.) Concerning all dead animals, the Conference, having in mind the advice of Dr. Pomare, considers it advisable to amend the by-laws adopted by the various Councils to the following extent:—
    - (1.) In burying any dead animal near any Maori pa or village it must be buried at least 3 chains distant from the nearest occupied house, the hole to be not less than 6 ft. deep, and at least 3 ft. of earth to be placed thereon.
    - (2.) No such dead animal is to be buried or left near any spring, well, or stream supplying any village or pa, or in any place where the drainage may run into or pollute any such water-supply.
3. Concerning Tohungas: The Conference suggested the following by-laws:—
- (a.) Every *tohunga* or Maori doctor practising in a Native district must procure a license before he can act.
  - (b.) The fee for such license shall be £1.
  - (c.) Any person practising without such license will be liable to a fine not exceeding £50.
  - (d.) Any person acting as a substitute or assistant under the authority of any *tohunga* must also procure a license as above.
  - (e.) It is expedient that the following provisions shall be inserted in every such license:—