

(2) Furthermore, the non-election of Assessors does not alter the second consequence—viz., that the supply of liquor to any Native in those districts is absolutely prohibited unless it is satisfactorily proved that the supply was administered medicinally (section 269). This prohibition prevents a male Native from consuming liquor on licensed premises in any area within those two districts.

117. It seems clear that the position in these districts should be established by legislation as though the districts had been abolished since the expiry of the term of office of the last elected Assessors or from some other suitable date.

117A. Certain provisions of the Maori Social and Economic Advancement Act, 1945, and in particular sections 34 to 44, confer upon Tribal Executives and Maori Wardens powers of preventing drunkenness and of otherwise controlling the consumption of alcoholic liquor among Maoris.

CHAPTER 7.—CONTROL BY THE PROHIBITION OF SUPPLY TO INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER EUROPEAN OR MAORI

118. Another method adopted for the control of the consumption of alcoholic liquor is the general prohibition of the supply of liquor to any person apparently under the age of twenty-one years, whether European or Maori, who is not resident on the premises or not a *bona fide* guest or lodger (see section 202 (1) of the Act of 1908, as amended by section forty-two of the Act of 1910 and section 6 of the Act of 1914).

119. The persons charged with the duties of inspection and enforcement in relation to this prohibition are the police.

120. The method of control of alcoholic liquor by individual restriction is by the prohibition of the supply to an intoxicated person (section 181 of the Licensing Act, 1908) or to a prohibited person (sections 211 to 217 of the Licensing Act, 1908). Special provision is made for a prohibition order against a male Maori (see section 217 of the Act of 1908).

121. Inspection and control in these matters are in the hands of the police.

122. All these restrictions imposed upon individual persons, whether as a class or as individuals, operate upon the individual, whether he is in a license or in a no-license district. The only aspect of this personal disqualification which is carried by an individual wherever he may be which requires explanation is that which affects the Maoris.

123. Each no-license district *in the North Island* is part of an area proclaimed under section 43 of the Licensing Act, 1910. The effect of section 43 is to make it unlawful for any person to supply liquor to a Native unless the supply is (a) on licensed premises for consumption on those premises, or (b) for medicinal purposes, or (c) to a Native who is the wife of a non-Native. As there are no licensed premises in no-license districts, the supply of liquor as a beverage to any Native; male or female, other than the wife of a non-Native, is prohibited.

124. The King-country is also part of the areas proclaimed under section 43 of the Act of 1910, and a Native in the King-country is subject to the restrictions imposed by section 43. A Native in the King-country is also subject to the restrictions imposed by section 273 (e) of the Act of 1908, which prohibits the supply of liquor to any male Maori under the influence of liquor or the supply of any liquor to any female Maori, except on a medical certificate that the same is required medicinally. When section 43 was enacted, section 273 (e) was not modified. The effect of both sections, therefore, appears to be that alcoholic liquor may not be supplied in the King-country to any male Native because there are no licensed premises where he may obtain it or consume it, or to any female Native, whether the wife of a non-Native or not, unless the supply for either male or female Native is for medicinal purposes on the authority of a registered medical practitioner.

125. In the no-license districts in the *South Island* of New Zealand the non-existence of licensed premises imposes no special restriction upon a male Native. He may order and obtain liquor from a licensed district in the same way as a European. Nor does