

Mr. Major.

## MAORI LIQUOR SUPPLY.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable the Native Race of New Zealand to apply the Principle of Local Option to their own People, and to control the Use of Alcoholic Liquors among their own People. Title.

5 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Maori Liquor Supply Act, 1904”; and it shall form part of and be read together with Short Title.  
10 “The Licensing Act, 1881” (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”).

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.  
“Elector” means a person entitled to vote at a Maori parliamentary election in any Maori electoral district:  
15 “Maori” means an aboriginal native of New Zealand, and includes half-castes and their descendants by Maoris.

3. (1.) On every day on which a licensing poll is taken under the Licensing Acts a poll of the electors shall be taken in each Maori electoral district on the question whether or not it shall be unlawful Poll to be taken.  
20 to supply Maoris in that district with liquor.

(2.) The voting-paper on such question shall be in the form in the Schedule hereto, and shall be of any colour other than white.

(3.) Such poll shall be taken in the manner prescribed by the Licensing Acts for the taking of the licensing poll, and all the provisions of those Acts relating to licensing polls shall, *mutatis mutandis*, Result of poll.  
25 extend and apply to polls taken under this Act.

4. If in any Maori electoral district the number of valid votes recorded in favour of the proposal that it shall be unlawful to supply

Maoris in that district with liquor is not less than three-fifths of all the valid votes recorded at the poll, such proposal shall be deemed to be carried, but not otherwise.

Result of poll to be published.

5. (1.) The result of the poll shall be publicly notified by the Returning Officer in the *Gazette*, and in such newspapers circulating in the district, and in such other manner as he thinks most calculated to make such result generally known in the district. 5

(2.) The result of the poll shall take effect on the expiration of fourteen days after the publication of the notice in the *Gazette*, and shall remain in force until reversed at a subsequent valid poll: Provided that if an inquiry is held as to the poll, as provided in the Licensing Acts, the result of the poll shall take effect on the day after the Magistrate's decision on the inquiry is given. 10

Penalty for offence under Act.

6. Where in any district the result of the poll is that it shall be unlawful to supply Maoris in that district with liquor, then so long as such result is in force,— 15

(a.) Every person who sells, gives, or supplies, or allows to be sold, given, or supplied, any liquor to a Maori shall be liable to a fine not exceeding *fifty* pounds and not less than *five* pounds, and if he is the owner of a license under the principal Act his license may, at the discretion of the convicting Court, be indorsed; and 20

(b.) Every Maori who purchases, procures, or has in his possession any liquor, or who enters upon any licensed premises on any pretence whatever, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds and not less than *one* pound. 25

Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE.

[ ] MAORI ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

1. I vote against liquor being supplied.
2. I vote to retain the law as at present.

The voter desiring to vote for proposal No. 1 will strike out proposal No. 2.  
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