

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of August, 1905.

ELECTORAL BILL.

Hon. Sir J. G. WARD, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 134: Omit "special roll and the" in line 43.

Omit clause 144.

Clause 179, subclause (1): Insert at the commencement of the clause, "The Governor may, at any time after the general election next after the passing of this Act, by Order in Council gazetted, direct that;" and insert before "subject," in line 11, the word "thereupon."

First Schedule, Form (1): Omit questions numbered (8) and (9), and substitute:—

(8.) What is your present address?

(9.) What is your occupation?

First Schedule: Add new form:—

(2A.) NOTICE OF TRANSFER.

To the Registrar of the Electoral District of
PLEASE remove from your electoral roll the name of [Name in full.]
[Occupation on former roll.]
[Address on former roll.]

as he (she) is now enrolled in this district.

Date:

Registrar of Electors.

First Schedule: Omit Form (6).

New clauses.

143A. The Returning Officer, after the day of polling at any general election where a poll has been taken, and before sealing up the certified copies of rolls received from the various Deputies, shall transfer from the said rolls on to a fair copy of the electoral roll of the district a distinguishing mark to indicate every voter who has voted at such poll, and shall write the word "Candidate" or "Prohibited from voting" opposite the names of such persons as were candidates or prohibited by law from voting, and shall sign the said roll as accurate, with his name and the title of his office, and the date of the polling-day, and shall transmit the same to the Registrar of the district.

178A. All elections of Maori members shall be conducted according to the following regulations:—

(a.) There shall be one Returning Officer, appointed by the Governor, for each electoral district, and the said Returning Officer shall have power to appoint, on the occasion of any election, such Deputy Returning Officers as he deems necessary; and if, owing to illness or other misadventure, such officer is unable personally to attend on such occasion he shall be empowered to appoint a substitute to act in his stead.

Returning Officer to mark copy of roll of all persons who voted, and send to Registrar for correction of rolls.

Regulations for conduct of elections.

- (b.) Every Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer, and every substitute appointed hereunder, shall, before acting in his office, make and subscribe before a Justice the declaration set forth in the form numbered (1) in the *Third* Schedule hereto.
- (c.) Polling-places shall be appointed in each electoral district by the Governor, and notice of the places appointed shall be published in the *Kahiti* and *Gazette* for at least eight days previous to the day of nomination.
- (d.) The Clerk of the Writs shall, when authorised, issue a writ in the form numbered (2) in the *Third* Schedule hereto, specifying the day and place of nomination, and the day on which the poll, if required, shall take place.
- (e.) The writ shall be forwarded to each Returning Officer, and a copy thereof shall be published in the *Kahiti* and *Gazette*, and posted in such public places as is thought desirable by the Returning Officer.
- (f.) On the day of nomination the Returning Officer shall preside at a meeting to be held at noon at the appointed place, and shall declare the purpose for which the meeting is held.
- (g.) The Returning Officer may declare the meeting adjourned from day to day till the election is completed.
- (h.) Every candidate shall be proposed by one and seconded by another elector, who shall each previously obtain from the Returning Officer a certificate that he is qualified to vote at the election; and if no more than one candidate is so proposed and seconded the Returning Officer shall declare such candidate duly elected, and make his return accordingly.
- (i.) In the event of there being two or more candidates proposed and seconded, the Returning Officer shall call for a show of hands, separately, in favour of each candidate, and after such show shall (unless a poll is demanded by one of the candidates, or by some elector, duly certified as such, on his behalf) declare the person in whose favour the show of hands appears to have been largest to be duly elected.
- (j.) The name of the person so declared to be elected shall be indorsed on the writ by the Returning Officer as the person duly elected in pursuance thereof, and the writ shall be returned by him forthwith to the Clerk of the Writs, to be by him forwarded to the Speaker; and the Returning Officer shall forthwith publish a notice of the result of the poll in the *Kahiti* and *Gazette*.
- (k.) If a poll is demanded as aforesaid, the Returning Officer shall then declare the day on which the same shall be taken, being the day fixed by the writ as aforesaid, and on that day the poll shall be taken at the places appointed as aforesaid, and shall commence at nine o'clock in the forenoon of the day appointed, and shall close at four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, unless otherwise ordered by the Returning Officer.
- (l.) If a poll is demanded, the Returning Officer shall immediately make arrangements for the issue to electors at each polling-place of voting-papers, which shall be in the form numbered (3) in the *Third* Schedule hereto, and such papers may be issued at any time or times appointed by the Returning Officer until the close of the poll.

- (m.) Before giving a voting-paper to any Maori the Returning Officer shall put the following question to him : " Are you registered as an elector in respect of a qualification for any electoral district other than a Maori electoral district ? " and if such question is not answered in the negative he shall not give the applicant a voting-paper.
- (n.) On the day of the poll the electors shall enter the polling-booth one by one, and shall each present his voting-paper, and, when requested to do so, shall state the name of the candidate for whom he intends to vote, and his own name.
- (o.) The Returning Officer or his Deputy shall thereupon write the name of such candidate on the voting-paper and sign the same, and pass it to a Maori, to be appointed by him, to be associated with him for this purpose, who shall place his initials or name on such voting-paper as witness.
- (p.) Each candidate may, by writing under his hand, appoint one scrutineer, who if he chooses may, after the closing of the poll, be present at the counting of the votes given to each candidate.
- (q.) The Returning Officer shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the closing of the poll, and in the presence of such scrutineers as choose to be present, ascertain the numbers polled for each candidate, and shall sign a notice and declaration stating the number of votes polled for each candidate, and declare the person found to have the greatest number of votes to be duly elected, and shall indorse, return, and forward the writ accordingly, and publish a notice of the result of the poll, as provided in paragraph (j) of this section.
- (r.) If two or more candidates have received an equal number of votes the Returning Officer shall give a casting-vote.
- (s.) The Returning Officer or his Deputy shall have power to appoint a sufficient number of officers to keep order, and to make and enforce such regulations for insuring the orderly, effective, and impartial conduct of the election as he thinks fit.
- (t.) The provisions of this Act relating to electors' rights and to notices by telegraph shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be deemed to be implied herein as fully and effectually as if they were expressly set forth.
- (u.) Where by this section it is directed that any notice or copy of any instrument is to be published in the *Kahiti*, such publication shall be in the Maori language ; and where it is directed that any notice or copy of any instrument is to be published in the *Gazette*, such publication shall be in the English language.
- (v.) In any case not provided for in this section the Returning Officer or his Deputy or substitute shall, as far as possible, be guided by the law and practice which obtains in relation to elections of members of the House of Representatives for other electoral districts, and to the general law relating to Parliament.

225A. (1.) The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council gazetted, direct that at any election a voting-machine specified in the Order shall be used in lieu of ballot-papers, and such Order shall be complied with by the Returning Officer at such election.

(2.) By such Order the Governor shall prescribe the mode in which the machine shall be used and the modifications of this Act necessary to give effect to such Order.

(3.) On the making of any such Order the Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the Returning Officer with a sufficient number of such voting-machines.

New Schedule.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

ELECTIONS OF MAORI MEMBERS.

(1.) DECLARATION OF RETURNING OFFICER.

I, A. B., Returning Officer for the Maori Electoral District [or one of the Deputy Returning Officers, or substitute], do solemnly declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of such office to the best of my ability.

Declared before me, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

A. B.

C. D., Justice.

(2.) WRIT.

To the Returning Officer for the Maori Electoral District.
IN pursuance of Part IV. of "The Electoral Act, 1905," I hereby authorise and require you to proceed, according to law, to the election of a member to serve in the House of Representatives for the Maori Electoral District, and that you cause the nomination of the said member to be at _____ on the _____ day of _____, and, in the event of the election being contested, that the poll shall be taken on the _____ day of _____.

You are further required to indorse on this writ the name of the person so elected, and then to return the writ to me on or before the _____ day of _____, 19____.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

A. B.,

Clerk of the Writs.

(3.) VOTING-PAPER.

Pukapuka Pooti.

Ko te tangata Maori kei raro nei tona ingoa e marama ana ia kia pooti a te whakatunga o te tangata mo te Takiwa Pooti Maori Whaka-te hei reo mo ratou Whaka-Maori ki roto ki te Runanga Nui o Niu Tireni.

Voting-paper.

THE undermentioned person is entitled to vote at the election of a member of the House of Representatives for the Maori Electoral District:—

Ko te Ingoa Iriiri, Maori hoki, o te Tangata Pooti. Christian Name and Surname of Elector.	Iwi. Tribe.	Hapu. Hapu.	Kainga. Abode.

Tangata e pootitia ana :

Kai-titiro :

Candidate voted for :

Witness :

R. O., Returning Officer.