

possession in breach of the Opium Act, 1908, or its amendments, or in breach of these regulations.

14. Where the Collector or other officer of Customs demands samples as aforesaid he shall offer a reasonable price for the quantity he requires and selects, not being more than is reasonably necessary for the purpose of analysis, and if the owner or the person having custody of the goods refuses to sell the same to the Collector or other officer of Customs, or refuses to permit the said Collector or officer to examine the contents of any vessel for the purpose of selection, such owner or person shall be liable to a penalty of £50.

15. Where the Collector or other officer of Customs purchases samples as provided for in the preceding regulation he shall, after the purchase has been completed, forthwith notify the owner or person having custody of the goods of his intention to have the same analysed, and shall offer to divide the sample into three parts, each to be then and there marked and sealed, and shall, if required to do so, proceed accordingly, and shall deliver one of such parts to the owner or the person having custody of the goods.

16. If the importer and exporter, by himself or his agent, commits any breach of the preceding regulations, his permit may thereupon be cancelled by the Minister, and he shall, in addition, be liable to a penalty of £50, and shall forfeit to the Collector of Customs as a further penalty all opium, morphine, heroine, and cocaine in his possession, and the said goods shall be disposed of as in the case of goods seized and condemned under the Customs Acts.

DISPOSAL OF OPIUM PURCHASED FROM AN IMPORTER AND EXPORTER.

17. Every person who, for the purpose of sale or manufacture, purchases or receives opium from the holder of any permit under these regulations shall keep a book in the form numbered 3 in the Schedule hereto (to be called the Retailer's Opium Book), and shall enter or cause to be entered therein the particulars indicated in that form with respect to all opium so purchased or received by him.

18. Regulations numbered 10, 11, and 12 hereof shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to persons who receive opium from any importer and exporter for the purpose of sale or manufacture.

19. No person (other than an importer and exporter who disposes of opium to the persons or classes of persons enumerated in the proviso to regulation 9 hereof) shall during any period of seven days sell or purchase opium to or from any other person in larger quantities in the aggregate than—

Of opium in solution or liquid form not containing more dry extractive matter than 6 per cent. when evaporated for two hours on a steam bath: One fluid ounce.

Of opium in any other form: 20 grains.

20. Nothing in the last preceding regulation shall apply—

(a.) To the sale of any medicine containing opium compounded by or furnished to the order of a registered medical practitioner or a duly qualified veterinary surgeon in the course of his business; or

b.) To the sale of opium, during any period of seven days, to a registered medical practitioner, a duly qualified veterinary surgeon, a dentist, or a Hospital Board in quantities not greater in the aggregate than—

Of opium in solution or liquid form not containing more dry extractive matter than 6 per cent. when evaporated for two hours on a steam bath: Sixteen fluid ounces.

Of opium in any other form: One ounce avoirdupois.

Provided that in the case of such sales of opium the signature of the purchaser shall be obtained.

21. Every person who is convicted of a breach of the regulations numbered 17 to 19 shall be liable to a penalty of £50, and shall forfeit to the Collector of Customs as a further penalty all opium in his possession, and such opium shall be disposed of as in the case of goods seized and condemned under the Customs Acts.

SCHEDULE.

Form No. 1.

PERMIT TO IMPORT AND TO EXPORT OPIUM, MORPHINE, HEROINE, AND COCAINE.

I, _____, Minister of Customs, do hereby issue to _____, carrying on the business of _____ at _____, this permit to import and to export opium, morphine, heroine, and cocaine and the salts thereof.

This permit is issued subject to the provisions of the Opium Act, 1908, and its amendments, and of the regulations issued under those Acts and the Treaties of Peace Act, 1919.

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

Minister of Customs.

Form No. 2.

O.M.H.C. Book.

Opium, Morphine, Heroine, or Cocaine received.		How disposed of.										
		For Manufacture.			Sold, exported, or otherwise disposed of.							
Date.	Ship.	Whence.	Name of Shipper.	Form in which received,* and Quantity.	Date.	Form of Opium, Morphine, Heroine, and Cocaine used, and Quantity.	Manufactured into.	Date.	Form in which sold or disposed of, and Quantity.	Name and Address of Purchaser or other Person to whom disposed of.	Signature of Purchaser where Opium, Morphine, Heroine, or Cocaine retailed.	Remarks explaining Disposal other than Sale.

* Keep a separate page of the book for the receipt and disposal of each form of opium—e.g., raw, prepared, solid extract, tincture, liquid extract, &c.—and a separate page for morphine, for heroine, and for cocaine and their respective salts.

Form No. 3.

RETAILER'S OPIUM BOOK.

Opium purchased.		How disposed of.									
		Used in Manufacture.			Sold, exported, or otherwise disposed of.						
Date.	From whom.	Form in which received,* and Quantity.	Date.	Form of Opium used, and Quantity.	Manufactured into.	Date.	Form of Opium sold or disposed of.	To whom sold.	Address.	Signature of Purchaser.	Remarks explaining Disposal other than Sale or Manufacture.

* Keep a separate page of the book for the receipt and disposal of each form of opium—e.g., raw, prepared, solid extract, tincture, liquid extract, &c.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Warrant apportioning the Annual Payment in respect of a Loan of £2,050 between the Ohinemuri County Council and the Piako County Council.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

WHEREAS by section seventy-three of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, it is, *inter alia*, provided that where part only of any area over which a special rate is made as security for a loan is merged or included within the district of a local authority other than the local authority that made the rate, then the whole of the liability in respect of the loan shall continue to be a liability of the local authority that raised the loan, but the Governor-General may, upon the written application of that local authority, by Warrant under his hand, direct that any local authority in whose district part of such area has been merged or included shall pay annually to the first-mentioned local authority during the currency of the loan, on such date as is specified, such amount as he considers a duly proportionate part of the interest and other charges payable in respect of the loan: And whereas part of the area over which a special loan of two thousand and fifty pounds (in respect of which the inscribed amount is two thousand and eighty-seven pounds ten shillings) was raised by the Ohinemuri County Council