

gambling or playing for money or other stakes in any such house, store, tea-shop, or other place as aforesaid, or the licensee or permittee of any such house, store, tea-shop, or other place as aforesaid, is liable to a fine not exceeding three pounds, or in default two months' imprisonment. The officer authorised to issue such license or permit as aforesaid may, with the approval of the Resident Commissioner, refuse to issue any such license or permit for any house, store, tea-shop, or other place in respect of which a conviction has been obtained under this section.

5. It shall be lawful for any member of the police to enter any house, store, tea-shop, or other place if there is good and sufficient reason to believe that the provisions of this Ordinance are being contravened.

Passed by the Federal Council, this eighteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

S. SAVAGE,

Clerk to Council.

Approved.

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

Assented to by the Governor on the 9th April, 1909.

### No. 10.

SIR,— Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 14th April, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd January last, and, in reply, to return herewith Federal Ordinance No. 27, the prevention of gambling Ordinance, duly assented to by His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,

J. CARROLL.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

### No. 11.

SIR,— Eastern Pacific, Rarotonga, 27th March, 1909.

I have the honour to forward enclosed two copies of Ordinance No. 28 of the Federal Council which provides comprehensively for the inspection, fumigation, and rejection of bad or unsuitable fruit. This Ordinance is badly needed, for at the present moment the Inspector has no power. Should you see fit to recommend this Ordinance for the approval of His Excellency the Governor the quality of the fruit sent will at once improve. But I would again point out that, unless the certificate of the New Zealand Inspector who has been or may hereafter be appointed to the Islands is taken as final, there can be no satisfactory trade. On this head the people of the Islands will probably move the New Zealand Parliament by petition.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. James Carroll, Minister administering Islands.

### Enclosure.

#### FEDERAL ORDINANCE NO. 28.—FRUIT INSPECTION AND DISEASES ORDINANCE, 1909.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the Inspection and Fumigation of Fruit intended for Export; to provide for the Eradication of Diseases and Pests affecting Plants; and to prevent the Introduction into the Cook Islands of any such Diseases or Pests:

BE IT ENACTED by the Federal Council of the Cook Islands as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance is "The Fruit Inspection and Diseases Ordinance, 1909."

2. In this Ordinance if not inconsistent with the context,—

"Disease" means any of the diseases named in the Schedule hereto, and includes any disease which the Resident Commissioner, from time to time, by notice in the *Cook Islands Gazette*, declares to be a disease within the meaning of this Ordinance:

"Fruit" means the edible product of any plant, and includes the peel, skin, or shell of such product; and also the seeds of such plant, whether such fruit is or is not attached to the plant:

"Infected" means infected with disease:

"Inspector" means any person appointed by the Governor of New Zealand as Fruit Inspector or Deputy Fruit Inspector:

"Local Inspector" means any person appointed by the Resident Commissioner as a Local Inspector under this Ordinance:

"Plant" means any tree, flower, shrub, vegetable, or other vegetation:

"Plantation" means any land used for the purpose of growing or cultivating any plant:

"Resident Commissioner" means the person appointed to administer the Government in the Cook Islands under "The Cook Islands Government Act, 1908."

3. It shall be the duty of the Inspector to inspect all fruit intended for export, and for the purposes of such inspection the Inspector may enter by force, if necessary, any building, land, plantation, ship, or vehicle, and shall have power to open any case, sack, or package containing fruit, as he shall deem necessary.