

SECTION 2.—MEDICAL ATTENDANCE AND SUPPLIES.

SUBSIDIZED MEDICAL OFFICERS.

These officers have been reduced in number. It is time that the Maori paid for his medical attention, and that the medical man took his chance of collecting bad debts from the Maori as well as the pakeha. In districts where subsidies were not given the natural adjustment took place long ago.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

These are still supplied to Native schools in moderation as regards quantity and variety. In isolated districts, distant from a medical man, stock medicines often tide patients over an anxious time, and the Native-school teachers have been ever ready to attend to the health of their settlements.

PROPAGANDA.

This useful word expresses better than anything the attempt of the division to spread information round the districts. Pamphlets on various subjects have been circulated, besides circular instructions to Maori Councils. The supply of the model by-laws in a neat booklet form also helps in the work. In the Maori newspaper, *Toa Takitini*, printed at Hastings, we have commenced a monthly series of articles on epidemic diseases, where the precautions adopted by the Department of Health are detailed, and special reference made to the duties of the Maori Council as a local authority. It is to be hoped that the circulating in Maori homes may be productive of good in keeping them warned and supplied with up-to-date information.

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