

(c) The Conference makes the following recommendations :—

- (i) That, wherever practicable, expert officers of the Department make health surveys of the pas in the more thickly populated Maori districts, and advise as to the best method of securing or improving the water-supply, as to drainage, disposal of rubbish and nuisances, and as to the preventive measures against typhoid and such epidemics.
- (ii) That the system of inspecting and attending to the teeth of school-children be extended as soon as possible to the Native schools, especially in the backblocks.
- (iii) That as some of the outbreaks of typhoid in Maori districts in recent years have been traced to polluted water-supplies, costing the Department and Hospital Boards large sums of money, the Department should, as a preventive measure, grant large sums to subsidize suitable water-supply schemes.

(d) The Conference desires to place on record its sincere regret that Dr. P. H. Buck (Te Rangi Hiroa) is severing his connection with the Department of Health, and its hearty appreciation of the splendid work he has done for the health of the Maori race. The Conference congratulates him on his appointment to carry on research work in Polynesia under the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, of Honolulu, and hopes that he and Mrs. Buck may have health, happiness, and success in their new sphere, and be spared to return as soon as this special mission is ended.

7. *Native Lands*.—In this connection the Hon. A. T. Ngata, M.P. for the Eastern Maori Electoral District, explained the legislation in regard to consolidation of interests, temporary advances by the Maori Land Board on incomplete titles, secured by a charge on the lands, pending survey and other essentials to registration under the Land Transfer Act; also the law in regard to incorporation. The question of rating on Native lands was also discussed and recent legislation explained.

The Conference registered the following resolutions :—

- (a) That the Native land-laws be consolidated, as so many amending measures have been passed since the comprehensive overhaul of the old legislation in 1909.
- (b) That the system of consolidating interests in Native land be actively extended to other parts of the Dominion. So far it has been in operation only in portions of the Eastern Maori Electorate, and, as it has proved successful there in bringing Native titles up to date and solving numerous problems relating to Native lands, it should be extended where circumstances permitted.
- (c) That so far the finance provided to assist Maori farming came entirely from funds arising out of revenues of Native lands, without State subvention. It seemed desirable that these funds be supplemented from sources such as those available to the State Advances Department or from special loans arranged by the Government for the Native Trustee.

8. *Future Conference*.—During the discussions it was suggested that at a future conference, which in accordance with the practice of the New Zealand Maori Lawn-tennis Association, will be held next Easter, the formation, constitution, and organization of a Young Maori Party (whether it was to be officially so called or otherwise would rest with such future conference) should be undertaken.

It was also suggested that encouragement should be given for public debate of special questions, or for the writing of competitive essays on Maori subjects, the reward for which should be some notable prize on the lines of, say, the Nobel Prize. (It is suggested that the Maori Purposes Board offer the prize.)

The resolutions indicate the wide scope of the discussions. The range was justified by the fact that they contain a survey of the progress made up to the period of the meeting, as well as suggestions for further progress and improvement.

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