

Thirdly.—The first article of the Peace Preservation Regulations (*Hoan Jareŭ*) issued by Imperial rescript on 25th December, 1887, reads as follows, and is still the law of the Empire:

"Any combination or meeting of a secret nature is interdicted. Any person violating this provision shall be punished with minor confinement of not less than one month or more than two years, together with a fine of from ten to one hundred yen."

Further—the "New Law of Public Meeting and Political Association" passed by the Imperial Diet in its fourth session and promulgated in the Official Gazette of 13th April, 1893, contains the following provisions:

Article I.— * * * * The term "Political Association" means an organized body of members, whatever name such body may bear, unless it be an association having commercial objects.

Article VIII, Section 3.—Even though a meeting be non-political, should the police consider such meeting calculated to injure public peace or good order, they may attend and superintend it.

Article IX.—No person carrying arms or lethal weapons may attend any meeting.

Article XIII.—The Police may order the dissolution of a meeting in the following cases:

1. When the existence of the meeting is in contravention of any of the provisions of this law.
2. When the attendance of the police is opposed; or when the seats required by them are refused; or when their questions are not answered.
5. When the police consider a meeting to be injurious to the maintenance of public peace and good order.

Article XXI.—Political associations shall appoint officers.

Each political association shall intimate its name, its officers, and the address of its office to the police station of the district within three days of its formation. The same process is necessary when any change occurs in the matters to be reported as above.

The Officers must answer any question asked by the police on matters relating to the association.

Article XXIV.—No person who is not a Japanese subject is entitled to become a member of a political association.

Article XXV.—No political association may use either badge or flag.

Article XXVI.—No political association may combine with other political associations.