



National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated

"BETTER BEEKEEPING — BETTER MARKETING"

REPORT OF THE 1958 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, WOOL HOUSE, FEATHERSTON STREET, WELLINGTON, ON 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH, AUGUST 1958 COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

CHAIRMAN: J.W. Fraser Esq.
GENERAL SECRETARY: R.A. Fraser F.C.C.S., F.COMM.A.

WELCOME: The Hon. F.J. Kitts Esq., M.P. Mayor of Wellington briefly addressed a message of welcome to delegates and others from the Citizens of Wellington. He expressed great interest in honey both as a food and as a base for alcoholic drinks and wished Conference success in its deliberations.

OFFICIAL OPENING: Conference was declared officially open by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture Mr. C.F. Skinner. In doing so he expressed regret that he was not as yet able to give definite advice of Government's proposals for assistance to the Industry along the lines which had been requested by the Executive and Honey Marketing Authority. He expected to be in a position to make an announcement at an early date however.

At the end of his address the Minister answered questions as follows :-

Petrol Tax: He did not consider that Government would grant relief from Petrol Tax to the Industry and further that the provision for relief which had been granted to farmers would be of little or no assistance to beekeepers as it applied only to Tractors, Pumps and Stationery Equipment used on the farm and not to the use of farmers' vehicles on highways.

Guaranteed Price: A guaranteed price was not a government subsidy. It was operated solely out of producers funds from the sale of their produce overseas. The Government advanced to the Pool in times of low overseas returns but expected these advances to be repaid from the Pool during a period of higher returns.

The President in thanking the Minister for his address, expressed the hope that Government would have better news for the Industry at an early date when it advised its decision on the Industry's application for financial assistance.

MESSAGES OF GREETINGS.

Greetings and Good Wishes for a successful Conference were received and acknowledged from Miss. R. Shepherd, A.A. Lennie Esq. and Henry Lewis Propriety Ltd. (Australian Agents for the Honey Marketing authority.)

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY REPORT.

The President welcomed E.A. Field Esq. Chairman of the N.Z. Honey Marketing Authority and invited him to report on the operations of the Honey Marketing Authority during the past year. (Mr. Field's written report will appear in the August issue of the N.Z. Beekeeper.) At the conclusion of his address Mr. Field answered questions as follows :-

Question :- Is the authority alleging that the Association or its Officers have acted in any way prejudicial to the Authority's operations.

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No. The Statement in the Report merely gives the respective of functions of the two organisations as the Authority sees them.

Question :- What is the cost of the new building in Auckland and what portion is being met by the Government.

Answer :- The final cost is not yet known but will be under £100,000. Finance is by means of a 100% State Advances Loan.

Question :- What cost was saved by not replacing the two members of the office staff which left the Authority's employ and why was this saving not effected before by dismissing them as redundant.

Answer :- The Net Saving is approximately £700 per annum after allowing for increases in salary of other personnel. The greater staff was required in the early stages owing to a greater volume of honey being handled.

Question :- What substantiation is there for the allegation that private packers are cutting prices on Auckland Markets.

Answer :- The Authority's Agent has assured the Authority of this position from his personal knowledge.

Question :- In view of the low returns from the Authority's local Market Sales in comparison to it's high cost of maintaining this market, would not the Authority consider it more prudent to devote it's energies entirely to the export market and so receive increased income from seals revenue from the operations of producer-packers on local market.

Answer :- The Authority does not consider this to be good policy for it would be losing it's first line of defence in the event of a drop in overseas returns.

Question :- What advertising is being undertaken by the Authority.

Answer :- £1,000 was spent on advertising honey generally in New Zealand last year. This year £500 is being spent on advertising the Honey Marketing Authority's own packs.

Question :- What steps have been taken by the Authority to overcome consumer resistance to the hard packs on the Auckland Market.

Answer :- Steps have now been taken to place a softer and more spreadable pack on the market.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT.

An address on the activities of the Apiary section, Department of Agriculture was given by Mr. A.M.W. Greig, Director of Horticulture. (A full report of Mr. Greig's address will appear in the August issue of the New Zealand Beekeeper.)

N.E.A. ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

A report on the activities of the Association during the past year and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st. May, 1958 were presented by the President, Mr. J.W. Fraser who formally moved their adoption. (Copy of the President's Annual Report will appear in the August issue of the N.Z. Beekeeper.) In discussion of the Annual Accounts it was noted that the General Account had closed with a deficit of £179 at the end of the financial year. Some criticism was directed at the Executive for the high level of expenditure during the past year but it was pointed out that expenditure was more or less in direct proportion to the number of important matters which had been dealt with during the year and this view was strongly supported from the floor.

MOTION.

Mr. J. Glynn gave notice of his intention to move on the third day of Conference that the full allocation of £1,000 available to the Association from the Seals Pool Provision Account be made by the Executive each year until approximately £1,000 credit is accumulated in the General Account to cover the cost of any exceptional increase in the Associations programme of work which may arise.

The attention of conference was then directed to the consideration of remits before which the following procedural motions were put and carried :-

1. That the late Remits from South Auckland Branch be accepted for inclusion in the Agenda.
2. That new members at present financial but not financial at the close of the financial year ending 31st. May be accorded speaking rights.
3. That speaking times be limited to 3 minutes for the mover of a motion and 2 minutes for other speakers and 2 minutes for mover exercising his right of reply.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - MR. T.S. WINTER.

The President advised Conference that the Executive had been pleased to unanimously endorse the request of Otago and Southland Branches that Mr. T.S. Winter be made a Life Member of the Association. The bestowing of this honour was commended to conference accordingly. Numerous speakers from the floor referred eulogistically to the long term of service which Mr. Winter had given to the Industry and to the remarkable manner in which he had assisted personally many individual beekeepers. The motion was put and carried unanimously amidst acclamation and Mr. Winter, accompanied by his wife were invited to the rostrum by the President where Mr. Winter suitably replied to Conference. The President then presented Mr. and Mrs. Winter with a token of esteem from the Beekeepers of New Zealand.

REMIT NO. 1.

"That this Conference supports the principle of Government Assistance for the Beekeeping Industry by means of a guaranteed return to Honey Marketing Authority suppliers equal to the cost-of-production as established by costs survey." (Moved by Mr. J. Glynn seconded Mr. R. Hillary.)

With the consent of Conference the following words were added "and in the event of this being unsuccessful some other form of Government Assistance." Mr. Bray opposed the Remit asserting that the Guaranteed Price Principle had been proved unsound and urging the Industry to press for capital relief for the Honey Marketing Authority. Other speakers supported the view that after the Minister's statement it was pointless to pursue the Guaranteed Price.

AMENDMENT.

"That in view of the statement from the Minister regarding the Guaranteed Price the National Beekeepers Association seek some other form of assistance to the Honey Marketing Authority, especially in the matter of the existing capital debt." (Moved by Mr. W. Nelson seconded Mr. Baker.) The amendment was put to Conference by delegates voted and CARRIED and also declared CARRIED AS THE MOTION.

REMIT NO. 2.

"That in the event of remits being passed at Conference the President give an explanation in his annual report at the following Conference if no action has been taken." (Moved Mr. Nelson, seconded Mr. Bray.) The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 3.

"That it be a recommendation to the Executive that the location of Conference be changed each year, next Conference to be held in Nelson." This remit was withdrawn by Mr. T. Pearson, delegate for the Canterbury Branch. At the same time the advantages of Nelson

... for next year's Conference were strongly advocated by Mr. ... delegate for the Nelson Branch.

REMIT NO. 3A.

"That 1959 Conference be held in Timaru." (Moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded Mr. Pearson.) It was pointed out that 1959 was the Centenary of the South Canterbury district and that it was 21 years since a Conference had been held in Timaru. Mr. R. Hillary advocated that 1959 Conference be held in Auckland as it would give members an opportunity of viewing the completed Honey Marketing Authority building. However, after discussion the Remit was PUT and declared CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 3B.

"That in view of the difficulty of securing accommodation for Conference during mid-week periods, consideration be given to holding future Conferences over a week-end period." (Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded Mr. Gumbrell.) This remit was considered by discussion groups and analysis of group findings disclosed that the points in favour of holding a Conference over a week-end period were far outweighed by those against such a practice. The motion was put to Conference in Plenary session and declared LOST.

REMIT NO. 5.

"That the nomination and election of candidates for the Honey Marketing Authority be on a ward system." (Moved Mr. Gumbrell seconded Mr. Clooske.) In introducing the remit Mr. Gumbrell advised that, if passed, it could not come into effect for the next election. He considered that the diversity of types of honey produced in different parts of New Zealand and the problems associated with each type of honey and type of production made a ward system necessary. He contended that only where Authority Members had a knowledge of the production problems of the beekeepers they represented could the administration of the Authority be sound and reflect to the benefit of the whole industry. Under the present system it was possible for the Authority to be comprised solely of members from one small area with no knowledge of the problems of other areas and this could not be guarded against without the introduction of a ward system of representation. Mr. Nelson opposed the remit and maintained that under the present system the best brains in the industry could be elected to the Honey Marketing Authority. At the present time members of the Authority worked in the interest of the industry as a whole whereas under a ward system members would be more inclined to work for the interests of their ward as opposed to the interests of the industry as a whole.

The remit was then considered by 8 independent discussion groups and the analysis of group findings indicated that most members considered that the advantages of a ward system would be outweighed by the disadvantage of parochial influence. The motion was put to Conference in plenary session and declared LOST.

ADDRESS ON AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS.

At this junction Conference adjourned to hear an illustrated address by Mr. T. Palmer-Jones, Principle Research Officer, Department of Agriculture, on "Agricultural Chemicals and the Beekeeping Industry." Mr. Palmer-Jones detailed experiments which had been carried out in determining the toxicity of various chemical substances to bees and in evolving systems for the application of pesticides to crops without danger to honey bees. At the end of his address Mr. Palmer-Jones answered numerous questions and was thanked by Conference on his most interesting address.

REMIT NO. 5A.

"That in the event of the Executive making an official representation on revised voting qualifications to the Honey Marketing Authority the Executive first obtain the views of suppliers to the Authority." This remit was WITHDRAWN by Mr. W. Nelson acting as delegate for the sponsoring branch in favour of Remit No. 30.

6. "That the method of voting by suppliers' to packers by Honey Marketing Authority elections be simplified; the returning officer to send all commercial beekeepers an appropriate form to ascertain the amount of honey supplied to packers and allot votes accordingly." This remit was withdrawn following an explanation that the returning officer was bound by the provisions of the Electoral and Polls Act.

REMIT NO. 6A.

"That in view of the fact that many Apiarists live a considerable distance from a Justice of the Peace, Declarations of honey supplied to a producer-packer be witnessed by a Postmaster, Clergyman, Solicitor etc." This remit was also WITHDRAWN following an explanation that the taking of declarations of this nature was covered under the Statutory Declarations Act and could not be varied without invalidating the election.

REMIT NO. 7.

"That Manuka Honey should get equal subsidy from the Seals Fund as other honey." Mr. Field advised that Manuka participated in the pool through bonus payments at the present time and therefore did receive equal subsidy from the Seals Fund as other honeys. Accordingly the remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 8.

"That Conference request the incoming Executive to press for better terms of interest for the Honey Marketing Authority building. Conference has twice requested this but no result has been achieved by the Executive." (Moved Mr. Pearson, seconded Mr. Bray.) Mr. Chandler, rising to a point of order, explained that the Honey Marketing Authority and National Beekeepers Association Executive had agreed following last Conference upon a co-ordinated plan in pursuit of government assistance. The Executive had amply fulfilled it's undertaking under this agreement and he asked the Honey Marketing Authority to account for it's actions on the matter. He made this statement to refute charges that the Executive had been guilty of neglect. Mr. Cloake supported Mr. Chandler's contention.

By agreement the words "Incoming Executive" were deleted and the words "Honey Marketing Authority" were substituted and the motion was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 9.

"That Conference views with concern the fact that the Honey Marketing Authority has neglected to carry out the resolution passed at the last Conference to press local sales." (Moved Mr. Gregory, seconded Mr. Jay.) In answer to the inference of "neglect" Mr. J.W. Fraser said that the present Authority was unanimous that local sales should be increased and detailed the steps which had been taken, viz. A New Agent; Raising the quality of the pack; Appointment of Mr. Nelson to supervise packing operations, and consideration of advertising methods. After brief discussion the remit was put and LOST.

REMIT NO. 10.

"That the Honey Marketing Authority take immediate steps to place another pack on the local market at a price and of a grade to meet the competitive selling of possible price cutting." (Moved by Mr. Nelson, seconded Mr. Herron.) Mr. Cloake opposed the remit due to the fact that the Honey Marketing Authority could not control the price to the consumer. By supplying honey to Merchants and Retailers at a reduced price they were virtually conniving in price cutting and giving the middle-man an additional profit to which he was not entitled. Mr. Haines supported the principle of a second pack but did not support the principle of a reduced price. Mr. Field in answer to a question advised that the Agent considered that there was a place for a second pack at a reduced price. He added however that the wisdom of taking such action depended upon the types of honeys and supplies generally to the Honey Marketing Authority and the level of prices overseas. Mr. Benny contended that the Authority could not

with private packers until it received greater quantities of honey and it would not receive greater supplies of white honey. Mr. Ashcroft won back the confidence of it's suppliers. Mr. Ashcroft stated that Hawkes Bay Producers had proved that dark and stronger hived honeys do have consumer demand. These honeys are sold at top priced prices and he felt that the Authority could well put out a similar type pack without price reduction. Mr. E.D. Williams expressed concern at the Honey Marketing Authority's proposals to reduce prices on comparatively high quality honey. If the Authority cut it's prices he felt sure that the producer-packers would under-cut them again thus starting a price war which could well spell ruin for the industry. Mr. Chandler contended that the Authority should sell on the same terms as private packers, that is, at a discount. He contended that this was not price cutting.

The motion was put and declared LOST.

REMIT NO. 11.

"That the Association adheres to the principle of a floor price for honey." With the permission of Conference this remit was brought forward in amended form as follows :- "That the Executive explore the advantages or otherwise of a floor price for honey and take action accordingly." After brief discussion the remit was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 12.

"That the Executive take action to have the profit margin controlled on all retail packed honey handled by the Wholesale and Retail Trade." (Moved Mr. Nelson, seconded Mr. Gumbrell.)

Mr. Pearson said that beekeepers require the goodwill of the trade and as they reserved for themselves the right to fix margins the remit was an impossible request.

Mr. Bray In supporting Mr. Pearson urged the necessity for giving the trade every incentive to promote sales.

Mr. Field emphasized the importance of retaining the goodwill of merchants and grocers.

The remit was put and LOST.

REMIT NO. 13.

"That an up-to-date cost-of-production factor be undertaken by the Department of Agriculture." It was resolved that Conference go into Committee to discuss this remit. In committee it was decided that the remit be considered in amended form viz: "That the cost-of-production survey be brought up to date." (Moved Mr. Hill, seconded Mr. Ashcroft.) The remit as amended was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 14.

"That all pesticides be clearly labelled by manufacturers as being toxic or not toxic to honey bees and that an exact time for applying same be stated." (Moved Mr. Gregory, seconded Mr. Cloake.)

The President explained that the Executive had already pressed the matter with the Government and that provision for labelling of pesticides was already included in the draft provisions of the Agricultural Chemicals Bill.

Mr. Greig confirmed that this was correct.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 15.

"That investigation be made to ascertain the extent to which hormones are harmful to bees." (Moved Mr. Gumbrell, seconded Mr. Glasson.)

Gumbrell mentioned that mysterious losses of bees continued to
throughout the country and there appeared to be some evidence to
support the claim that hormones weed killers were responsible.

The remit was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 16.

With the permission of Conference this remit was
presented in amended form as follows :-

"That in view of the weakness in the Regulations which
permit Toxic Pesticides to be applied to flowering pastures and crops
other than legumes and brassicas, this conference request that the present
Regulations be extended to cover all other possible exigencies." (Moved
Mr. Gumbrell, seconded Mr. Cloake.)

Mr. Greig in explanation advised that this matter was covered
under the provisions of the draft Agricultural Chemicals Bill. After
brief discussion the motion was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 17.

"That the Executive approach the Department of
Agriculture with the view to having the allocation of part time
inspection increased to meet extra costs and maintain this valuable
service to the Honey Industry."

This motion was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 18.

"That Conference again request the Department of
Agriculture to take the earliest opportunity of sending an officer to
the U.S.A. to study at first hand, methods of Apiary Management." (Moved
by Mr. N. Glass, pro-forma.)

Mr. Greig in explanation of Government and Departmental policy
pointed out that Government grants for Departmental visits overseas was
now strictly limited and that unless the industry had some specific
matter of major importance which it wished to have investigated there
was no possible chance of an officer being sent overseas again in the
foreseeable future.

The motion was put and LOST.

REMIT NO. 19.

"That Conference request the Department of Agriculture
to conduct experiments in pollination with the aim of determining
statistically the value of bees and other pollinating insects." (Moved
by Mr. N. Glass, seconded Mr. R. Hillary.)

The Chairman called on Mr. T. Palmer-Jones to explain
the present plan and scope of work being carried out in Pollination
Research.

After Mr. Palmer-Jones had given his explanation of the
present work being undertaken the motion was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 19A.

"That an Apiculturist be appointed forthwith to the
South Island." (Moved Mr. H. Cloake, seconded Mr. Gumbrell.)
The proposers mentioned the valuable work at present being done by
Mr. C.R. Paterson in the North Island and expressed the view that much
important work in the South Island especially in connection with
pollination and field research merited the appointment of a similar
senior officer in the South Island.

Mr. Greig queried the Association's right to seek the creation
of a particular official status. The Industry, he maintained, could
ask for a particular job of work to be done but it was then over to the
Department to decide what personnel should be engaged on the work.

strongly disagreed with this view maintaining that it
the interests of the industry that officers engaged on
ist work receive specialist designations.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 20.

"That the Department of Agriculture be asked to
initiate a programme of original research into bee diseases." (Moved
Mr. Glynn, seconded Mr. Herron.) Both speakers considered that instead
of relying on work being done overseas the department should investigate
disease control under New Zealand conditions. This should include
diseases of a minor nature which could never-the-less substantially
reduce hive numbers and affect the strength of the hive at vital times
of the year.

After brief discussion the motion was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 21.

"That the Apiary Section of the Department of
Agriculture be requested to conduct experiments in order to evolve an
efficient commercial system to produce the maximum quantity of beeswax
from a hive of bees and to estimate the probable cost-of-production
thereof." (Moved Mr. Gumbrell, seconded Mr. Cloake.) In introducing
the remit Mr. Gumbrell stated his conviction that there were sound
commercial possibilities for beekeepers in dark-honey producing areas to
turn their production entirely to wax to the disregard to honey
production.

Mr. McPadzian opposed the remit considering that beekeepers themselves
were in a better position to experiment with wax production in view of
their better knowledge of local conditions such as Nectar and Pollen
sources and local weather conditions.

After brief discussion the motion was put and LOST.

PRACTICAL ADDRESS.

At this juncture Conference adjourned for an address
by Mr. C.R. Peterson, Apiculturist, Department of Agriculture, on
"A New Type Honey-Creamer" and "An Advanced Honey Strainer." Mr.
Peterson had models of both sets of equipment on view and delivered a
most informative talk on the operational principles of both machines.
Conference showed it's sincere appreciation of the address in the
customary manner.

REMIT NO. 22.

"That in view of current restrictions on importation
of spirits the Executive investigate the possibility of manufacturing
Gin from distilled mead and for making of mead on a commercial scale."
(Moved Mr. E.D. Williams, seconded Mr. Gumbrell.)

Mr. Williams in introducing the remit with the permission of the
Southland delegate gave a background picture of steps already taken by
the Executive of the Association in pursuing this matter and in which he
(Mr. Williams) had figured at the request of the Executive.

A number of speakers referred to the large financial
gains which could accrue to the industry through the use of honey for
alcoholic beverages.

Strong opposition was recorded against the proposal by
Messrs. W. Bray, Palmer, Marshall, A. Pearson and Ashcroft on ethical
and religious grounds. Subsequent speakers applauded these members for
their stand on what they considered to be a matter of principle but
pointed out that alcoholic beverages would continue to be made and con-
sumed in any case through the dictates of popular public demands.

On being put the motion was declared CARRIED.

22A.

"That in view of the falling overseas market for honey Conference approach the Government concerning the manufacture of honey bead." As this matter had already been dealt with under the heading remit it was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 23.

"That Conference opposes any increase in Petrol Tax." By agreement the word "the" was substituted for the word "any". (Moved Mr. Gloake, seconded Mr. McFadzien.) Some speakers thought there was little point in proposing the increase at this stage but urged either exemption for beekeepers or an adjustment to the cost-of-production schedule.

The motion was CARRIED (after group discussion.)

REMIT NO. 24.

"That the National Executive take immediate action to ensure that Catchment Boards and other Local Bodies be compelled to give beekeepers 30 days notice of each works contemplated within a quarter of a mile of an apiary." With the permission of Conference the following words were added :- "or an access road." (Moved Mr. Gumbrell, seconded Mr. Glasson.) Both the proposer and the seconder drew attention to cases where beekeepers had been considerably inconvenienced by the carrying-out of public works either near or on an apiary site without prior notice having been given to the beekeeper concerned.

On being put the motion was declared CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 25.

"That the Executive investigates the possibility of securing fresh films of interest to the beekeeping industry from overseas." (Moved Mr. McFadzien, seconded Mr. Hewlett.)

Mr. McFadzien drew attention to the large number of technical films on beekeeping subjects which had been produced overseas and advised that at the forthcoming world conference of beekeepers to be held in Rome the official programme showed that a number of such films would be shown.

Mr. Hewlett considered that the matter may be taken a stage further with the production of some films on beekeeping matters in New Zealand.

No contrary opinions were expressed and the motion was put to Conference and declared CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 26.

"That immediate action be taken to enlist the aid of the State Forest services, Catchment Boards, County Councils and other like bodies to further the planting of trees that are nectar secreting as well as being useful for timber." (Moved Mr. Gumbrell, seconded Mr. Pearson.)

Mr. Gumbrell drew attention to the fact that a number of farm Forestry Associations were being formed in different parts of the country under the sponsorship of the Conservator of State Forests and instanced an Association which had recently been formed in South Canterbury. Through the efforts of beekeepers in that area it had been possible to arrange an official invitation to the initial meeting of a senior member of the Apiaris Staff, Department of Agriculture who had been able to advise on various species of trees and shrubs which were both useful from a farmers point of view and from the beekeepers point of view as nectar and pollen secreting.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 27.

"That it be a recommendation to the Honey Marketing Authority that the Analysis issued by the Manager on it's operations since it's inception be published in the journal." (Moved Mr. R. Hillary,

Mr. Barber.)

Messrs. Field opposed the remit on the grounds that some of the information was confidential to the industry whereas the journal circulation was by no means confined to beekeepers.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that no great detail was included in the summary referred to in the remit. He considered that no harm would be done by the Authority propagating this information.

With the consent of conference it was decided that the following words be added "By way of insert."

The motion was put and CARRIED in this form.

REMIT NO. 28.

"That a report on the suitability of the new Honey Marketing Authority premises with particular reference to it's loading and unloading facilities and it's floor loading capacity be given to Conference."

The Chairman stated that he understood Mr. W. Nelson, member of the Honey Marketing Authority had investigated the very complaints raised in the remit, and he invited Mr. Nelson to report on these matters.

After Mr. Nelson had given his report covering the complaints raised in the remit, the remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 29.

"That the Department of Agriculture be urged to investigate immediately the value of bees in regard to pollination and it's ultimate effect in the economy of the country."

This remit was WITHDRAWN as the matter had previously been dealt with under remit No. 19.

REMIT NO. 30.

"That the whole question of voting qualifications for the Honey Marketing Authority be investigated."

Mr. J.W. Fraser requested that the remit be withdrawn as the request was not specific enough to enable the Executive to give the matter action.

Accordingly the remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 31.

"That Conference requests the combined efforts of the Honey Marketing Authority and the National Beekeepers' Association to be continued in an endeavour to secure a guaranteed price based on the cost-of-production and in the event of this being unsuccessful some other form of government assistance."

The subject matter of this remit having been dealt with in previous discussion on another remit the remit was WITHDRAWN.

REMIT NO. 32.

"That the Honey Marketing Authority endeavour to reduce the volume of honey requiring reconditioning for export and that such honey be sold on the local market before the honey deteriorates." (Moved Mr. J.I. Jay, seconded Mr. Pearson.)

Messrs. Field and Bray pointed out that steps had already been taken by the Authority along the lines suggested in the light of the Authority's experience. On being put the motion was declared CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 33.

"That the Honey Marketing Authority be requested to publish in each issue of the journal reports of overseas prices from varied grades of honey." (Moved Mr. R. Hillary, seconded Mr. Bird.)

Conference consideration of this remit was held in
see. Finally the words "by way of insert" were inserted after the
"reports" and the motion put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 34.

"That Conference deplores the dilatory actions of the
Honey Marketing Authority in selling honey on the local market and again
request action and results in this direction." This remit was WITHDRAWN
as it had already been dealt with under previous discussion.

REMIT NO. 35.

"That this Conference recommends to the Honey Marketing
Authority that payout points be settled at the time of grading as in the
past and that no penalty be applied for subsequent reconditioning."
(Moved Mr. R. Hillary, seconded Mr. Lorimer.) The proposers cited cases
of suppliers having their initial grading points lowered up to 8 months
after supply and considered this to be grossly unfair to the supplier.
The supplier had no guarantee that this honey was being stored in the
best of conditions and regrading of honey after the Authority had held
it for lengthy periods was an unfair imposition on the producer.

Mr. Field stated that in some cases it was impossible to detect
defects in the honey at the time of supply such as when slightly fermented
starter had been used by the producer in granulating his honey prior
to shipping.

After further debate the motion was put and CARRIED.

REMIT NO. 36.

"That the Honey Marketing Authority be urged to abandon
any attempt to put a second pack over a 75 grading on the local market
at reduced price." As this matter had been dealt with in discussion
of a previous remit, the remit was WITHDRAWN.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers conducted on the third day of
Conference resulted as follows :-

President: Two nominations, Messrs. J.W. Fraser, and J.R. Barber.

After recourse to ballot Mr. J.W. Fraser was declared
re-elected.

Vice-President: One nomination only was received, Mr. J.R. Barber, who
was declared re-elected.

Election of Executive: North Island (Two members required)

Nominations: Messrs. R.R. Chandler, Mr. J.D. Lorimer, Mr. J.I. Jay,
Mr. R. Goddard. Messrs. Lorimer and Goddard declined
nomination, and Messrs. R. Chandler and J. Jay were
declared elected.

South Island (Two members required)

Nominations: Mr. G.E. Gumbrell, Mr. N. Glass, Mr. J.K. Bray, Mr.
S. Graham. Mr. N. Glass declined nomination and on a
ballot being taken for the remaining candidates,
Messrs. J.K. Bray and G.E. Gumbrell were declared elected.

Election of Auditor: It was resolved that Messrs. Moir, Campion and
Mason, Public Accountants, Levin, be reappointed
Auditors of the Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Two resolutions arising out of consideration of the
Report and Accounts were brought forward as follows :-

ELECTORS' MEETING:

Moved Mr. Sage, seconded Mr. W. Bray "That Conference
request the Honey Marketing Authority to provide for Annual Meeting of

- ctors to be held at which the business shall be:-
- A. Presentation of Report and Annual Accounts.
 - B. Election of an independent Chairman for the meeting.
 - C. Discussion and making of recommendations to the Authority.
 - D. Receiving of nominations for any pending election of the Authority.
 - E. General."

Mr. Sage in bringing the motion forward pointed out that at the present time supplies to the Authority had no constitutional right to the discussion of the report and accounts of the Authority. He considered this to be an anomaly which had never been intended when the Authority was first set-up. Mr. Bray supported these views. There being no contrary opinions, the motion was put and CARRIED.

ASSOCIATION FINANCE.

Mr. J. Glynn brought forward the motion of which he had given notice on the first day of Conference. With the permission of Conference the motion was presented in amended form as follows :-

"That it be a recommendation to the incoming Executive that in future they avail themselves of the full grant of £1000 available annually from the Seals Fund until such time as they have a satisfactory credit balance of funds for working."

As association finance had been considered at length under consideration of Annual Report and Accounts on the first day of Conference there was little discussion on the motion which was put and CARRIED with one dissentient.

DESTRUCTION OF VOTING PAPERS.

It was resolved "That the General Secretary hold voting papers for three calendar months from date and that thereafter they be destroyed."

After the customary final speeches Conference concluded at 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 7th. August.