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of NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

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OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Mr M G Stuckey - Auckland

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr P Marshall - Napier

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) Representing the North Island

Mr P Berry - Hastings

b) Representing the South Island

Messrs A Clissold - Gore
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

The Association has continued its work in the interest of all its members: at times it is not easy to reconcile the wishes of Commercial members and Ordinary members but every endeavour is made to devote time and consideration as equitably as possible. The freeing up of exports of honey in bulk was decisively supported by the Conference and the Honey Marketing Authority is now engaged in drawing up specifications that will allow Commercial producers to export limited quantities on their own account.

The 1978 production year was in general a good one and a gross tonnage of close to 8,279 tonnes was achieved.

The 1978 Industry Conference was held in Hastings; a very well organised gathering with a full representation from all branches. The matter of private exports of honey received, as stated above, very strong support.

The Hawkes Bay Branch made an excellent job of preparing the Conference and this year too the Tuesday was devoted to an all day seminar put on by the Apiculture Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. This was a most successful new venture and is bound to be included on Conference programmes in future.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership is arranged within two categories. "Ordinary" members who are those with less than 50 hives, and "Commercial" members who farm more than 50 hives. The Ordinary members pay a membership fee directly to the Association, while the Commercial members achieve their membership by virtue of the fact that they pay a Hive Levy.

The membership fee of \$7.50 remained at that figure for 1978 but it has been increased to \$9 for 1979. This rise reflects the inflationary trend. The Association continues to have a substantial number of overseas contributors to its journal.

The Branch membership at the end of 1978 was as under:-

Far North	25	Nelson	53
Northland	65	West Coast	22
Waikato	229	Canterbury	84
Bay of Plenty	34	South Canterbury	30
Hawkes Bay	62	North Otago	24
Central Hawkes Bay	10	Otago	68
South Western Districts	121	Southland	48

The total membership was 875 of which 312 were Commercial members and 563 were Ordinary members.

THE ASSOCIATION'S JOURNAL - THE BEEKEEPER

The Association issues an industry journal "The Beekeeper" on a quarterly basis. It has been the policy to produce a journal of quality although rising costs are becoming a very real factor in maintaining this approach. The Editor, Mr Trevor Walton, has continued his good work in producing a journal that is firstly well related to beekeeping, and is also able to present the business of the Association to its members. The aim to cover both the small and large beekeepers in the journal content has been one of the important editorial policies.

The Editorial arrangement is reviewed each December and as stated earlier in this report, rising production costs are a matter of concern to all.

The Beekeeper is outside Branch activities and the direct contact with Executive members is the only direct contact members have with their Association.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Two members retired by rotation in 1978, namely Mr Russell Poole who did not seek re-election and Mr Percy Berry who again offered his services.

As the result of the election Mr Percy Berry was re-elected along with Mr Jasper Bray.

Just prior to the end of 1978 the Hon. Minister of Agriculture advanced a number of proposals to vary the election procedure of the Authority's members and also suggested that the Authority be increased in size by one member. These matters will be further considered in 1979.

EXPORTS OF HONEY BY COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

As reported in the 1977 report the Honey Marketing Authority settled procedures that allowed Commercial members to export honey in retail packs. This offer received only limited support.

The 1978 Industry Conference again and in much greater support, voted for the export of bulk honey by Commercial members. The Authority since the Conference has been studying ways and means of giving effect to the proposal. There is a degree of feeling about the question of private exports but the industry has at Conference in two successive years clearly demonstrated the policy it would like followed.

The Association sees benefit in the proposal providing it is well managed and that the quantities are not too great, especially in the initial period.

The acceptance that private exports must bear a levy contribution to the Reserve Fund is now appreciated and this brings all honey exports

on to a comparable footing.

The Association will be watchful of the developments in the private export field as care must be taken to ensure that quality standards are fully maintained in the interests of all producers.

RESTRICTED ZONES FOR BEEKEEPING:

The retirement of Executive member Mr E R Robinson meant that a new member Mr P Marshall had to be appointed to represent the Association on the Advisory Committee set up by the Ministry of Agriculture. The Association acknowledges with pleasure the excellent service given the Committee by Mr Robinson.

The Committee met at intervals during the year and the Association's Executive Committee received regular reports from its representative. There is now a much better understanding of the problems involved and the Committee is taking positive decisions to try and manage the matter to the benefit of all parties involved.

HONEY PRICING POLICY:

It was pleasing that the 1978 honey price was able to be announced late in 1977. For a number of reasons it has not been possible to have the 1979 available until February 1979. The delay has been necessary in order that proposals advanced by Treasury can be better evaluated. There is a desire by Government that greater funds should be directed to produce promotion and also that the industry build itself into a stronger position to cover more adequately its trading operation.

These matters are involved and require detailed study and analysis.

There is too strong a body of opinion in the industry that Treasury and Ministry of Agriculture staff are entering the honey marketing area to an extent beyond the significance of the trading situation and the time could well be near when the whole system should be reviewed in depth. There seems little doubt that farming industry price stabilisation schemes are expected to operate on a self supporting basis and that funds in line with increased product values should be programmed in support.

The honey pricing procedure confers little benefit on producer or consumers and the time could be at hand when it should be left to find its own level. This would accept the export price as the principal factor in honey prices.

The representations on the Base Price for honey are put forward jointly by the Authority and the Association.

ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

The Association was in the early part of 1978 represented on the Agricultural Chemical Board by the Vice President, Mr M G Stuckey. It is now the policy of the Association that it should be represented on this Board by its Vice President. Accordingly when Mr Stuckey was

elected President in July, the incoming Vice President, Mr Paul Marshall took up the appointment.

As stated elsewhere Mr Marshall was also appointed to Apiary Advisory Committee, vice Mr E R Robinson who retired as an Executive Member.

The President, Mr Stuckey, represents the Association on the Dominion Council of Federated Farmers.

THE LIBRARY:

The Association's library is based at Timaru with that valued member Mr Chris Dawson acting as Librarian. A Library Sub-Committee of the Librarian and two other members, Messrs A Clissold and M Cloake, act as the controlling agency and a worthwhile service to the industry is the result.

The Association acknowledges with pleasure the continued good work put in by the Committee and especially Mr Dawson. In a report to Conference it was stated that 38 new books had been added and the provision of a Cassette Library was being investigated.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee met on four occasions during the year. The meetings are held in Wellington and at Conference time at that venue.

Three members retired by rotation - Messrs E R Robinson who did not seek re-election and A Clissold and K McHerron who again made themselves available. In the ensuing election Messrs A Clissold, M Cloake and P Marshall were duly elected.

The Executive records with pleasure the services rendered to the Association by Messrs McHerron and Robinson.

At the Annual Conference, Mr P Berry did not seek re-election as President and the Vice President Mr M G Stuckey was duly elected President unopposed.

In an election Mr P Marshall was duly elected Vice President for the ensuing term.

The Industry Conference in thanking Mr P Berry acknowledged the very fine job he had done during his Presidency term and many members spoke in support of a resolution that was carried by members giving Mr Berry a standing ovation.

It was pleasing to the Executive Committee to learn in September of the election of Mr P Berry to the Chairmanship of the Honey Marketing Authority - he carries the good wishes of all.

LIFE MEMBERS:

There was one member elected to Life Membership of the Association, Mr Dudley Lorimer of Waikato, a member who has served the industry

In many capacities, was proposed in a manner that truly reflected the esteem and respect in which he is held by members everywhere, he was duly declared elected a life member with the full support of the whole association.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

The Authority is a separate Statutory Board set up to look after the marketing needs of the industry. In recent years there has been more members serving on both the Authority and the Association's Executive and there is little doubt that this has helped in the overall administration of the industry.

The collection of the Hive Levy was at the end of 1978 transferred from the Authority to the Association - this was in line with industry wishes.

During the year the Association has enjoyed close links with the Authority and Mr Curtis Wicht the Authority's General Manager has extended all courtesies to the Association.

FINANCE:

The need to have an organisation that is financially viable has been accepted by all concerned with its administration: the availability of resources via the Hive Levy has been of great assistance in this regard. The appropriation from the Hive Levy Fund was again \$20,000 this year and this will be the same in 1979. However, with rising costs in almost every area of activity some increase in appropriation may be expected from 1980 onwards.

The annual subscription rate for "Ordinary" members was maintained for the current year at \$7.50 but a decision was taken to raise this to \$9 for 1979.

The Association has a satisfactory secretarial arrangement with the Pork Industry Council and the services provided by that Council are acknowledged.

The Association's officers are located on Level 14 of Pastoral House Wellington.

BRANCHES:

With the Auckland Branch ceasing to function early in the year there are now fourteen active branches of the Association. The area operation of the Branches act as a first class link with all areas and in general form the "heart" of the industry organisation.

The amended system of funding Branches is now well established and appears to be meeting the needs satisfactorily. The decision to aid Branch delegates to Conference was continued and again this has made it much easier for those Branches well removed from the Conference venue.

There was at Conference a wish expressed that members attending Branch Remit meetings should be able if they attended Conference to retain the right to exercise their vote to the Branch delegate - this is now being examined.

CONCLUSION:

The two Presidents who have occupied the chair during the year - Messrs P Berry and M G Stuckey both gave leadership to the Association and its staff. Both men are also serving the industry on the Honey Marketing Authority so they are very involved with the industry: this is to the good and to the advantage of the Association and its members.

The co-operation of the Ministry of Agriculture is acknowledged: the appointment of Mr Graham Walton to the position of Chief Advisory Officer (Apiculture) while protracted was welcomed by the industry. All members wish Mr Walton well in his new position.

Last year reference was made to the lack of defined policy in the marketing sector - this has lessened this year but there remains a certain unease that the marketing system currently being followed requires review and amendment. As stated last year industry price stabilisation is an "industry" matter and it is clear that producers as a whole must look carefully at what they do want in marketing - it is quite evident that changes in policy should not be based on short term marketing contingencies.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Accounting policy:

The general accounting policies recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been followed in the preparation of these accounts.

Particular accounting policies:

The following particular accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of earnings and financial position have been applied:

Fixed assets and depreciation:

All fixed assets are valued at cost less depreciation. Depreciation has been calculated using the diminishing value method based on the original cost of assets and their estimated economic life. No depreciation has been provided for the Library and Blocks.

Investments:

All investments are valued at cost.

Saleable Publications:

The sole publication - Nectar and Pollen Sources of New Zealand - is included at cost of publication less sales. The selling price is fixed to cover production costs.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1978

<u>1977</u>	<u>INCOME</u>		\$	\$	\$
3507	Subscriptions			4039	
20000	Hive Levy Grants			20000	
1017	Interest			1361	
3237	Journal Income - Advertising	3595			
713	- Subscriptions	<u>940</u>		4535	
<u>40</u>	Miscellaneous			<u>3</u>	
28514					29938
	<u>LESS EXPENSES</u>				
6634	Administration Fee			6785	
290	Audit & Computer Fees			387	
1813	Capitation to Branches			1663	
	Conference Expenses				
	- Accommodation	229	1013		
	- Travel	1401	822		
1786	- Sundry	<u>156</u>	<u>205</u>	2040	
	Executive Meetings				
	- Accommodation	964	678		
	- Travel	1297	1622		
2261	- Sundry	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	2300	
	Journal - Printing	6060	9857		
	- Editorial Fee	<u>1600</u>	<u>1500</u>		
7660				11357	
725	Postages & Tolls			665	
500	President's Honorarium			500	
604	Printing & Stationery			840	
1800	Bursary Grant			-	
176	Sundry			260	
9	Depreciation			<u>8</u>	26805
<u>4256</u>	Net Surplus				<u>\$ 3133</u>
<u>\$ 28514</u>					<u>\$ 29938</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1978

1977		<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	
\$		\$	\$
140	Conference Fund		140
225	Dormant Branches		226
68	Library Fund		127
451	Seminar Fund		451
250	Travel Bursary Fund		250
7677	General Fund at 1.1.78	12169	
<u>236</u>	Transfer from Library Fund	<u>46</u>	
7913		12215	
<u>2169</u>	<u>4256</u> Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure 1978	<u>3133</u>	<u>15348</u>
<u>3303</u>			<u>16542</u>
	These are represented by:		
-631	Cash in hand and Bank	3201	
13000	Short Term Investment	-	
65	P.O.S.B. Timaru	56	
2664	Sundry Debtors and Prepayment	1514	
15098			<u>4771</u>
2026	Less Sundry Creditors	976	
50	Provision for Bad Debts	50	
<u>2222</u>	<u>146</u> Subscriptions in Advance	<u>74</u>	<u>1100</u>
2876	Net Current Assets		3671
	Other Assets are:		
-	N.Z. Government Stock (at cost)	11000	
347	Library and Blocks (at cost)	393	
80	Cabinets (at cost less depreciation)	80	
<u>427</u>	<u>-</u> Publications (saleable) (1)	<u>1398</u>	<u>12871</u>
<u>3103</u>	<u>Note:</u> (1) represents publication costs \$1935 less sales \$537. The balance is represented by stock.		<u>\$ 16542</u>

To the Members of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.)

I have examined the books and accounts of the Association for the Year Ended 31 December 1978. I have obtained all the information and explanations as required by me. In my opinion proper books of account have been kept and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account have been drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association.

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AUDITOR

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