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of NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

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OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Mr P. W. Marshall - Hastings

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr M. G. Stuckey - Auckland

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) Representing the North Island

Mr Ian Berry - Havelock North

b) Representing the South Island

Messrs A. Clissold - Gore
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

The Association has continued to enjoy the confidence of its ever-widening membership: the membership spans all sizes of beekeeping enterprises and meeting such a diversity of needs and requirements means that the organisation must operate with an understanding and an appreciation of this factor - to do so means that the "heart" of the organisation must be mindful of the needs of all members.

The President and the Executive Committee are the persons who sift out the more important issues and each has given freely of his time.

The annual conference in Christchurch was an important one, for some very important decisions were taken in the marketing sector. The decision for example to allow the Honey Marketing Authority to purchase on a selective basis and the dropping of a stabilisation scheme will undoubtedly have far-reaching effects.

The Christchurch Branch acted as the hosts of Conference and exceedingly good arrangements operated throughout the Conference period. Again, the Ministry of Agriculture ran a very good seminar on the day before Conference and a display of beekeeping equipment drew favourable comment.

The honey production year was good with the total tonnage estimated at 6500 tonnes.

MEMBERSHIP

As stated in previous reports, the membership of the Association is divided: those with fewer than fifty hives are grouped as the "ordinary" members, while those with fifty or more hives form the commercial membership.

Ordinary members pay an annual subscription of \$9 while the Commercial members pay a "Hive Levy" of 17.5 cents per hive.

The Association has a number of overseas contributors - the N. Z. Beekeeper being a journal that is now widely sought after.

The Branch membership at the end of 1979 was as under:

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

| | <u>Commercial</u> | <u>U/50 Hives</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Far North | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| Northland | 15 | 43 | 58 |
| Waikato | 70 | 145 | 215 |
| Bay of Plenty | 17 | 27 | 44 |
| Hawkes Bay | 16 | 52 | 68 |
| C/S Hawkes Bay | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| S/W District | 37 | 91 | 128 |
| Nelson | 15 | 40 | 55 |
| West Coast | 9 | 13 | 22 |
| Canterbury | 51 | 37 | 88 |
| Sth. Canterbury | 19 | 13 | 32 |
| Nth. Otago | 16 | 10 | 26 |
| Otago | 32 | 41 | 73 |
| Southland | 26 | 21 | 47 |

| | <u>Commercial</u> | <u>U/50 Hives</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Total | 334 | 553 | 887 |
| 1978 figures | 312 | 563 | 875 |

As will be noted, the total membership reached 887 of which 334 were commercial members.

THE N. Z. BEEKEEPER

In recent years the journal has achieved a very good standard of publication and all credit is due to the Editor, Mr Trevor Walton. The content presented in this quarterly magazine is varied and further it provides members with "industry" news. The work of the Association is also given appropriate attention.

The basic objective is to serve the total membership and there is now a confidence that this objective is being met.

The management arrangement is reviewed each twelve months and while costs are a matter of concern, the Association has not as yet had to review the high standards it has set for the magazine.

The journal is too a support to Branches and Executive Committee members in their dealings with members - all members have a copy posted to them without additional charge.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY

In 1979, two members retired by rotation - Messrs M. G. Stuckey and I. J. Dickinson.

The election was delayed a month to allow a revised voting entitlement to operate. The maximum vote had been 100 votes; this was reduced to 12 votes and graduated down to 2 votes. The right to vote for only one candidate was retained. Not surprisingly, the adjusted franchise made little or no difference and the two sitting members, Messrs Stuckey and Dickinson, were both returned.

The Authority Chairman, Mr P. Berry, reported fully to the Annual Conference and it is clear that there is quite substantial support for a freeing up of export honey marketing.

With the need for the Authority to buy all honey offered to it now removed and the interlocking stabilisation scheme no longer operable, the place of the Authority in the future is presently the subject of much industry discussion. It is becoming clear that there is not the same support for the Authority marketing in the North Island while it would seem that some form of industry authority (or similar), involved in honey marketing would be preferred by a substantial number of South Island producers.

There is quite clearly a need for the present Honey Marketing Authority to keep the Commercial beekeeping sector well informed of the likely changes in industry marketing and the basic policy decisions that underly change. It is apparent that some very basic long term decisions on honey marketing will need to be taken very soon by the industry: there is now probably

sufficient capital available from beekeepers themselves to operate marketing schemes if they wish to join co-operatively - if they prefer not to then each will need to adopt measures to meet their own requirements.

INDUSTRY POLICY MEETING

One of the most notable events in the year was the meeting of representatives of all the Honey Industry organisations. This meeting was the thought of the President, Mr Paul Marshall, and was held on 1st November 1979. The meeting was chaired by the Under-Secretary of Agriculture, Mr R. G. L. Talbot M. P., and a first class discussion was held.

Many of the more difficult policy questions were talked through and all felt that at long last a convenient method of approaching and dealing with Industry policy matters was available to commercial beekeepers and those associated with them in the marketing and servicing sector.

The President proposes to hold another such meeting at the end of March 1980 with a view to consolidating the progress made and also to allow planning to get under way for the July Annual Conference. It would seem that this kind of industry group could do much to resolve many of the problems that have plagued the industry for so long.

EXPORTS OF HONEY BY COMMERCIAL MEMBERS

There was again not an overwhelming uptake of opportunity to expand exports by commercial members, while the amounts approved by the H. M. A. were not large for bulk lines, the opportunity for packed lines was better. There has been a divergence of opinion within the industry about "private exports" but this is now resolving itself and it is likely that more members will become involved in export trade in the next year or so.

The absence of any stabilisation levy will help and perhaps encourage more producers to engage in exporting, although it is generally recognised that this trade needs to be supported by a sound understanding of the business.

The provisions of the Honey Export Control Act are now being looked into and some change in the administrative procedure is likely in 1980.

RESTRICTED ZONES FOR BEEKEEPING

The President, Mr P. W. Marshall, is currently the Association member on the Advisory Committee set up and administered by the Ministry of Agriculture. The Chairman of this Committee is Mr Ian Forbes and he has done much to make the work of the Committee objective and worthwhile. The Advisory Committee meets as needed through the year.

HONEY PRICING

The withdrawal of the stabilisation scheme ended the need for the setting of minimum/maximum honey prices - these prices needed the approval of Government. The industry had for some time been unhappy with the procedure of this pricing arrangement, although in fairness, this was not one of full accord among producers.

However, now that there is freedom, the H. M. A. will fix its prices based on the relevant commercial factors obtaining in the market. The H. M. A. is now free to operate in a substantially commercial environment and this will

be helpful in sorting out the marketing direction the industry would like followed.

In general, the demise of government involvement in honey pricing and the resultant stabilisation system could be expected to be generally welcomed by most commercial producers.

THE ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

During the year, Mr P. W. Marshall succeeded Mr M. G. Stuckey on the Agricultural Chemicals Board. This has of latter years been a post reserved for the Vice President. When Mr Marshall was elected President in July 1979, the Executive Committee decided he should remain on the Agricultural Chemical Board. This was important as legislation was passed during the 1979 parliamentary session changing the name and role of the Agricultural Chemicals Board.

As stated elsewhere in this report, Mr Marshall has continued to represent the Association on the Apiary Advisory Committee.

During the year, Federated Farmers reorganised the representation basis for affiliated farming groups and in the smaller primary industries direct involvement in Dominion Council was no longer necessary. The Association is quite satisfied that the new arrangement will be most satisfactory.

THE LIBRARIAN

This has been a year of change. The founder and a great stalwart of the library, Mr Chris Dawson, retired from the post of Librarian in July of 1979. His great work and contribution to the industry in his capacity of librarian brought pleasure to all members. Life Membership of the Association was a worthy honour.

The new Librarian is Mr M. J. Heineman of Milton and the library has now been shifted to his home.

Mr Dawson has agreed to establish the cassette library before transferring it, and all are pleased with this arrangement.

The Library Sub-Committee is the Librarian and two Executive Members, Messrs A. Clissold and M. D. Cloake.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met four times during the year and also were as a group present at the Industry Policy meeting on 1st November 1979.

Two long-standing members, both past Presidents, in Messrs Percy Berry and Ivan Dickinson, decided not to offer themselves for re-election. The loss of two such experienced people at the same time left gaps that were hard to fill.

The incoming new members were Messrs S. J. Lyttle of South Canterbury and Ian Berry of Havelock North: both have settled in well to executive membership.

At the July Conference, Mr Paul Marshall was elected President and Mr M. G. Stuckey, Vice President.

LIFE MEMBERS

This year the only life membership conferred was on Mr Chris Dawson. As Librarian to the Association, Mr Dawson was known and respected by the membership as a whole and this was enthusiastically endorsed by the 1979 Conference.

FINANCE

Since the introduction of the Hive Levy on Commercial producers (i.e. with 50 or more hives), the financial status of the Beekeepers' Association has been on a viable basis. In 1979, the Association accepted under the Hive Levy Act responsibility for the collection of the Hive Levy and the receipts from this were \$31,917. The Association's allocation of this sum was \$20,000, and a sum of \$9,927 was transferred to the Honey Marketing Authority to cover non-marketing activities carried out by the Authority for the industry. Expenses for administering the collection of the levy were \$648, leaving a balance in the account at 31 December 1979 of \$1,342.

The current Hive Levy is 17.5 cents per hive.

The annual subscription for "ordinary" members is presently \$9.00 per year.

All Hive Levy payers automatically become "Commercial" members of the Association.

A copy of the N. Z. Beekeeper is sent to all members without further charge. It is likely that with increasing publication costs, a rise in "Ordinary" membership subscription will be necessary in 1981.

The full audited accounts are attached to this report.

The Pork Industry Council provides the secretarial service to the Association and this is a mutually satisfactory service. The Association's office is located on Level 14 of Pastoral House, Lambton Quay, Wellington.

BRANCHES

There are fourteen active branches attached to the Association. The location of branches ensures that members can link up on a reasonable locality basis with at least one of the branches. The locality spread extends from the Far North to Southland.

The capitation system for funding branches is working well and appears to be meeting the requirements. Also, the Association policy to meet half the air fares of delegates to Annual Conference is now an accepted policy. The change to the Rules of the Association made following Conference will permit members who attend Branch Remit meetings to withhold their own votes on any remit until Conference; however, such votes must be handed to the Branch delegate for voting. This arrangement is designed to give members attending Conference a more direct involvement with decision making.

CONCLUSION

Again the year saw two Presidents occupy the office, Messrs M. G. Stuckey and P. W. Marshall. That both remained on the Executive Committee was extremely important, especially when two very senior members retired by rotation. The work given to the Association and its Executive by both Messrs I. J. Dickinson and P. Berry was outstanding.

There appears little doubt at this stage that there will be far-reaching reconstruction in the Industry Marketing Organisation over the next year - that these changes should be well planned is essential.

The help given the Association by the Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr R. G. L. Talbot, has been very fruitful indeed and has helped the industry towards a much better inter-relationship. The Ministry of Agriculture has also played an effective role in the respective spheres and this is pleasing.

The 1980 year is expected to yield a great deal for the industry - it is on the way towards new goals and with the help and guidance of the President and his Executive, much will be achieved. Also, the new approach to collective policy making should pave the way for a much more constructive and concerted membership to work together for their own industry and their own wellbeing.

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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 1979

| | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 1978 | <u>INCOME</u> | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 4039 | Subscriptions | | 4768 | |
| 20000 | Hive Levy Grants | | 20000 | |
| 1361 | Interest | | 2249 | |
| 3595 | Journal Income - Advertising | 3228 | | |
| 940 | - Subscriptions | <u>1048</u> | 4276 | |
| <u>3</u> | Miscellaneous | | <u>148</u> | |
| 21 38 | | | | 31441 |
| | <u>LESS EXPENSES</u> | | | |
| 6785 | Administration Fee | | 7057 | |
| 387 | Audit & Computer Fees | | 333 | |
| 1663 | Capitation to Branches | | 1510 | |
| | Conference Expenses | | | |
| 1013 | - Accommodation | 815 | | |
| 822 | - Travel | 834 | | |
| 2040 <u>205</u> | - Sundry | <u>100</u> | 1749 | |
| | Executive Meetings | | | |
| 678 | - Accommodation | 759 | | |
| 1622 | - Travel | 3208 | | |
| 2 0 <u>-</u> | - Sundry | <u>119</u> | 4086 | |
| 9857 | Journal - Printing | 9388 | | |
| <u>1500</u> | - Editorial Fee | <u>2320</u> | | |
| 11357 | | | 11708 | |
| 665 | Postages & Tolls | | 933 | |
| 500 | President's Honorarium | | 500 | |
| 840 | Printing & Stationery | | 1065 | |
| 260 | Sundry | | 428 | |
| 8 | Depreciation | | <u>7</u> | <u>29530</u> |
| 3133 | Net Surplus | | | <u>2065</u> |
| <u>29938</u> | | | | <u>\$31441</u> |

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1979

| 1978 | | <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | \$ | \$ |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| \$ | | | | |
| 140 | | Conference Fund | | 140 |
| 226 | | Dormant Branches | | 226 |
| 127 | | Library Fund | | 127 |
| 451 | | Seminar Fund | | 504 |
| 250 | | Travel Bursary Fund | | 250 |
| | 12169 | General Fund at 1.1.79 | 15348 | |
| | <u>46</u> | Transfer from Library Fund | <u>-</u> | |
| | 12215 | | 15348 | |
| <u>15348</u> | <u>3133</u> | <u>Plus</u> Excess of Income over | <u>2065</u> | <u>17413</u> |
| <u>16542</u> | | Expenditure 1979 | | <u>18660</u> |
| | | These are represented by: | | |
| | 3201 | Cash in hand and Bank | 336 Cr. | |
| | - | Short Term Investment | 8000 | |
| | 56 | P.O.S.B. Timaru | 56 | |
| 4771 | <u>1514</u> | Sundry Debtors | <u>1394</u> | 9114 |
| | 976 | <u>Less</u> Sundry Creditors | 1739 | |
| | - | Hive Levy Suspense Account | 1342 | |
| | 50 | Provision for Bad Debts | 50 | |
| <u>1100</u> | <u>74</u> | Subscriptions in Advance | <u>81</u> | <u>3212</u> |
| 3671 | | Net Current Assets | | 5902 |
| | | Other Assets are: | | |
| | 11000 | N.Z. Government Stock (at cost) | 11000 | |
| | 393 | Library and Blocks (at cost) | 493 | |
| | 80 | Cabinets (at cost less deprcn.) | 65 | |
| <u>12871</u> | <u>1398</u> | Publications (saleable) | <u>1200</u> | <u>12758</u> |
| <u>\$16542</u> | | | | <u>\$18660</u> |

To the Members of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (

I have examined the books and accounts of the Association for the Year Ended 31 December 1979. 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.

N. Ryder-Lewis
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