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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

Representing the North Island

Mr I. Berry - Havelock North

Representing the South Island

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

The membership of the Association continues to embrace a wide cross-section of beekeeping enterprises. As such it must cater for the needs of all beekeepers and understand and react to problems in the beekeeping industry.

The President and Executive Committee are well spread throughout New Zealand and are able to meet many beekeepers at Branch meetings and field days.

The Annual Conference was held in Tauranga in July and was the forum for important discussions on the future of the Honey Marketing Authority and the possible development of a Co-operative, the main point at issue being the way in which any assets of the Authority would be dispersed.

The Bay of Plenty Branch were the hosts for the Conference providing an excellent venue and a smoothly run Conference.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries provided a very good Seminar in conjunction with the Conference attracting 60 to 70 beekeepers for the day.

HONEY PRODUCTION

The honey production year was average with the total tonnage estimated at 7,000 tonnes.

MEMBERSHIP

At the end of December 1980 there were 918 beekeepers who were members of the Association.

There were 541 members with less than 50 hives, termed "ordinary" members, and 377 commercial members with over 50 hives.

Ordinary members paid an annual subscription of \$9 whilst commercial beekeepers paid a hive levy of 17.5 cents per hive.

The Association has 16 Branches and the membership of the Branches is as follows:

	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>U/50 Hives</u>	<u>Total</u>
Far North	8	10	18
Northland	19	39	58
Waikato	89	138	227
Bay of Plenty	19	29	48
Poverty Bay	7	16	23
Hawkes Bay	9	38	47
C/S Hawkes Bay	3	6	9
S/W Districts	42	96	138
Nelson	16	23	39
Marlborough	6	7	13
West Coast	11	11	22
Canterbury	54	36	90
South Canterbury	18	14	32
North Otago	14	14	28
Otago	38	43	81
Southland	24	21	45
Total	377	541	918

1979 figures:	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>U/50 Hives</u>	<u>Total</u>
	334	553	887

There are also a number of overseas members who join the Association to enable them to receive the "Beekeeper" journal.

NUMBER OF BEEKEEPERS IN NEW ZEALAND

At 31 May 1980 there were 5,217 beekeepers of which 4,792 had under 50 hives and 425 had over 50 hives.

There are therefore only about 12% of beekeepers with less than 50 hives who are members of the Association.

Steps have been taken to attract more people into the Association by writing to those beekeepers who are not members and sending a copy of the "Beekeeper". This has brought in some more members for the Association.

THE "NZ BEEKEEPER"

Mr T. Walton and his staff continue to publish a journal of very high quality which is in demand by beekeepers throughout the world.

This journal is published quarterly and presents a well balanced view of industry affairs as well as varied articles of technical interest. The Association wishes to thank all contributors to the journal who help to make it a worthwhile publication for the industry.

The contract for the journal is negotiated on an annual basis and whilst costs are continually rising the Executive Committee has not yet made any change for the format or quality of the journal.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY

There was no election for the Honey Marketing Authority in 1980. The members of the Authority are Messrs P. Berry, I.J. Dickinson, M.G. Stuckey, J. Bray and D. Hayman.

Mr P. Berry, the Authority Chairman, addressed the Annual Conference and indicated that the estimated payout would be \$1.00 per kg. compared with 86 cents the previous year. The base price had been abandoned and suppliers to the Authority would be receiving the nett realization of the year's trading.

He also stated that in the event of the Authority being disbanded, the Authority's property in Auckland should be sold and the proceeds placed into an industry fund.

At the end of the year the fate of the Authority was not known and an arbitrator had been appointed to determine how the assets of the Authority had been established and to whom they should belong if the H.M.A. was disbanded.

INDUSTRY MARKETING POLICIES

As indicated in the 1979 report, a meeting of all industry groups was organised in November at which many problems of the industry were discussed.

During the latter part of 1979 and early 1980 a group of South Island suppliers employed a consultant to look into the feasibility of setting up an industry co-operative which would replace the Authority. A further meeting was held on 18 March 1980 of all industry representatives.

At this meeting a letter from Mr R.L.G. Talbot was read in which support was given for a move away from a statutory board to an industry co-operative.

Prior to this industry meeting the Authority had agreed that subject to it being satisfied as to the viability of the proposed Honey Marketing Co-operative, it agreed in principle to the establishment of a supplier co-operative and that up to 80% of the equity in the H.M.A. could be lent to such a co-operative at 1% interest, the remainder at Rural Bank export rate. It also agreed that at an appropriate time the Authority should be dissolved.

H.M.A. ASSETS

Whilst there appeared to be support for such a co-operative, by the time of the Annual Conference there was a considerable body of opinion against such an enterprise being lent money at 1% interest. There was no clear evidence as to how the assets of the Authority had been built up with various groups within the industry making claims for what they considered to be their rightful share of the cake should the Authority be dissolved.

As a result of long deliberation at the Annual Conference it was resolved that an arbitrator be appointed to determine how the assets of the Authority had been established and how in the event of the Authority being dissolved they would be distributed.

After further meetings of the H.M.A. together with representatives of the National Beekeepers' Association and the proposed Co-operative, a request was made to the Minister of Agriculture by the Authority for Mr David H. Kay of Hutchison Hull & Company to be appointed as a committee to look into the question of the H.M.A. assets.

Mr Kay was duly appointed and this was gazetted on 20 November 1980. The following were the terms of reference:

"In the event of the dissolution or reorganisation of the New Zealand Honey Marketing Authority to whom or for whose benefit should the nett assets of the New Zealand Honey Marketing Authority belong.

(a) If the whole or some part of those assets may be attributed to past and present suppliers of the New Zealand Honey Marketing Authority, how should those funds be made available for the use or benefit of such suppliers, and

(b) If the whole or some part of those assets may be attributed to the whole of the honey industry (including packers and producers as defined in the legislation), how should those funds be used or made available for the benefit of the industry as a whole."

SUBMISSIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

Mr Kay called for submissions to be in his hands by 19 December 1980.

The Executive considered that its submission to the Committee should cover a number of points about which the industry was concerned regarding the establishment of the H.M.A. assets and covered the following points:

1. General comments on the operation of the Authority
2. The Seals Levy and the effect of this levy on prices received for honey
3. The effect of the control on exports
4. The effect of Government intervention in 1973
5. The changing pattern of supply from the North Island to the South Island, and
6. That any moneys deemed to belong to the industry should be held in the trusteeship of the National Beekeepers' Association for the industry.

Attached also to the Association's submission were submissions from Branches and individual beekeepers.

The report of the Committee is to be in the hands of the Minister of Agriculture by 31 March 1981.

EXPORTS OF HONEY

During the 1979-80 year the Honey Marketing Authority completed its relaxation of export controls on honey. Exports made by private packers during the period have justified the Board's decision.

Private exporters have supplied many different outlets which have been complementary to and not in competition with export sales made by the Authority. These have been additional export sales.

Both private packers and suppliers to the Authority have received or are due to receive export incentive payments.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD

Mr P.W. Marshall continues to represent the beekeeping industry on the Agricultural Chemicals Board and this is seen by the Association as a very important role.

A number of representations have been made to the Board over the past year with particular reference to the adequate labelling of insecticides which could be injurious to bees.

Beekeepers are still concerned that not enough care is taken in the spraying of insecticides, particularly where clover forms a ground cover for some horticultural crops.

Because of the Association's concern about the spraying of insecticides and fungicides, Mr B.B. Watts, Registrar of Agricultural Chemicals, was invited to speak to the Annual Conference.

It is evident that there has to be greater dialogue between horticulturalists and beekeepers if each is to receive the benefits that the other can provide. With the greater development of horticulture, the role of the beekeeper and the understanding of his needs must be fully appreciated.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

The Ministry continues to provide an adequate Apicultural Advisory Service and whilst some beekeepers would like to see more advisory and inspection personnel in the industry, the Association would take this opportunity of thanking Mr Grahame Walton and his staff for the good work they are doing for the industry.

It was with the deepest regret that the Association noted the passing of Mr Iain Forbes, the Deputy Director of the Advisory Services Division, who had shown a considerable interest in the industry. He will be missed by all those who were associated with him. The Association sent a letter of condolence to Mrs Forbes and family.

The Association's thanks must also go to Mr Pat Clinch, Research Officer at Wallaceville, whose unceasing efforts on behalf of the industry are greatly appreciated.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH

During the year the Executive approved financial assistance to two research projects. The first \$250 was to Ms Phillipa Gerard for assistance with her PhD. studies into the Passion Vine Hopper (*Scolypopa australis*). Her studies were to look into the biology and population ecology of the Passion Vine Hopper.

The second grant of \$200 was made to Mr E. Roberts and Dr C. Williams of Massey University to carry out studies into *Phacelia tenacetifolia*, an early flowering nectar bearing plant which could extend the production season in New Zealand. The Committee requested that the study include the number of bee flights to the crop.

LIBRARY

The Association's library is still in the care of Mr M.J. Heineman of Milton. The Executive this year made a donation of \$100 to the library to assist with the purchase of books.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The three members to stand for re-election during the year were Mr Marshall, who was returned unopposed for the North Island, and Messrs Clissold and Cloake who were both returned to the Committee as the South Island representatives, after a three-way election in which Mr G. Jeffries was the unsuccessful candidate.

The Executive Committee met four times during the year and were involved in the Industry Meeting on 18 March.

At the Conference in July Mr Marshall was re-elected President and Mr M.G. Stuckey was re-elected Vice President.

The President had a particularly onerous year as he had to attend many extra meetings with the Honey Marketing Authority as well as other beekeeper groups in connection with the H.M.A.-Co-operative negotiations. In these discussions he has represented an unbiased point of view on behalf of all beekeepers.

BRANCHES

There were 14 active branches attached to the Association in 1980. These branches are spread throughout New Zealand. During the year two further groups of members indicated interest in forming branches in Poverty Bay and Marlborough. These branches will be fully operational in 1981.

The branches are funded by a capitation grant based on the membership and generally meet requirements.

The Association also meets the air fares one way for delegates to the Annual Conference.

FINANCE

The National Beekeepers' Association continues to collect the Hive Levy from all commercial beekeepers and receipts for the 1980 year were \$32,790. Of this amount, \$20,000 was allocated to the activities of the Association and \$10,700 was contributed to the Honey Marketing Authority to cover the cost of non-marketing activity carried out by the Authority for the industry. Expenses for administering the Levy collection were \$370, leaving a balance of \$1,720 which is held in a suspensory account on behalf of the industry. Currently the Hive Levy is 17.5 cents per hive.

Non-commercial members paid \$9.00 to the Association and in 1980 this brought in \$4,669.

With journal advertising and subscriptions, interest and other miscellaneous income, the Association's income was \$33,050.

Increasing costs for all items of expenditure fully stretched the Association's resources. The main items of increased expenditure were administration \$983, meeting expenses, accommodation and travel \$2,623, journal \$2,528, overseas travel (Dr Don Peer) \$915, and printing and stationery \$728.

Whilst income was up only \$1,600 on the previous year, expenses were up \$9,161, leaving a deficiency of \$5,487 for the year.

The extra travelling by the President in relation to the proposed Co-operative undoubtedly added considerably to the year's expenditure in accommodation and travel.

As a result of this loss the Association's accumulated fund has been reduced from \$18,660 to \$13,297.

LEGISLATION

Legislation passed in 1980 affecting the honey industry was:

The Apiaries Amendment Act 1980. This Act tightens up the regulations relating to disease control and increases penalties for contravention of the Act.

The Honey Export Certification Regulations 1980. This lays down regulations for the certification of honey for export and authorises Certifying Officers to issue export certificates if they are satisfied that required standards have been met and the regulations complied with. It also changes the certification of honey for export from a compulsory requirement to a basis where the exporter need apply for an export certificate only when he so wishes.

CONCLUSION

The year has been a very busy one for all people involved in the industry as a direct result of the move towards the formation of an industry Co-operative. This became a major concern for the whole industry and involved the President in many days of travel and meetings to represent the industry at these discussions.

The year closed with the question of the Authority assets being placed before arbitration and the hope that in 1981 a clear path will be opened for the development of the industry.

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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.

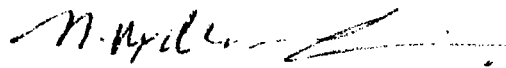
Saleable Publications:

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.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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 1980. 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 attached Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account have been drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association.



N Ryder-Lewis

2/4/81

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1980

<u>\$</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	\$	\$	\$
<u>1979</u>				
4768	Subscriptions		4669	
20000	Hive Levy Grants		20000	
2249	Interest		2434	
3228	Journal Income - Advertising	4052		
1048	- Subscriptions	<u>1396</u>	5448	
148	Miscellaneous		499	
<u>51441</u>			<u>33050</u>	
	<u>LESS EXPENSES</u>			
7057	Administration Fee		8040	
333	Audit & Computer Fees		490	
1510	Capitation to Branches		1823	
	Conference Expenses:			
815	- Accommodation	1193		
834	- Travel	1340		
1749	<u>100</u> - Sundry	<u>431</u>	2964	
	Executive Meetings:			
759	- Accommodation	1021		
3208	- Travel	4329		
4086	<u>119</u> - Sundry	<u>144</u>	5494	
	Grant: Overseas Travel		915	
	Journal:			
9388	- Printing	9954		
11708	<u>2320</u> - Editorial Fee & Sundry	<u>4282</u>	14236	
933	Postages & Tolls		1311	
500	President's Honorarium		800	
1065	Printing & Stationery		1793	
428	Sundry		664	
7	Depreciation		7	
<u>29376</u>			<u>38537</u>	
2065	Net Surplus (Deficiency)		<u>(5487)</u>	

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1980

\$	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	\$	\$
1979			
<u>140</u>	Conference Fund		140
226	Dormant Branches		226
127	Library Fund		133
504	Seminar Fund		590
250	Travel Bursary Fund		250
15348	General Fund at 1.1.79	17414	
-	Transfer from Library Fund	<u>31</u>	
		17445	
2065	<u>Less</u> Excess of Expenses over Income 1980:	(5487)	<u>11958</u>
<u>18660</u>			<u>13297</u>
	<u>These are represented by:</u>		
(336)	Cash in hand and Bank	541	
8000	Short Term Investment - BNZ	4000	
56	POSB Milton	130	
<u>1394</u>	Sundry Debtors	<u>2013</u>	
9114			6684
1739	<u>Less</u> Sundry Creditors	2767	
1342	Hive Levy Suspense Account	3062	
50	Provision for Bad Debts	50	
<u>81</u>	Subscriptions in Advance	<u>179</u>	
<u>3212</u>			6058
5902	Net Current Assets		626
	Other Assets are:		
11000	NZ Government Stock (at cost)	11000	
493	Library and Blocks (at cost)	502	
65	Cabinets (at cost less deprn)	58	
<u>1200</u>	Publications (saleable)	<u>1111</u>	
12758			12671
<u>18660</u>			<u>13297</u>