

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN THE  
EMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 28TH FEBRUARY AND 1ST MARCH  
1950 COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.A. Field (President) E.D. Williams (Vice-President)  
E.J. Kirk, T.E. Pearson, A.A. Lennie, J.R. Barber and the General  
Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

MINUTES of the meeting held at Rotorua on the 22nd and 23rd August  
1949 were read and confirmed.

Referring to the Minutes concerning the complaint against  
a Beekeeper at Midhurst, the Chairman stated that no further action had  
been taken, but the position was being watched and he had intimated to  
Mr. Winter that he would be prepared to accompany him on a visit to the  
area if there were any further developments.

CONFERENCE DATES :- The Secretary read the correspondence which has  
passed between himself and the Wellington Returned Services' Association,  
also the Empire Hotel, with regard to reservations of accommodation for  
the Annual Conference, the dates of which he had fixed as the 5th, 6th  
and 7th July.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr.  
Kirk, "that the Secretary's action in the matter be endorsed."

With further reference to the forthcoming Conference, it was  
decided at the suggestion of the Chairman, that the Hon. Mr. Holyoake  
be invited to perform the official opening.

It was further decided that sufficient time be allocated at  
the Conference for a report to be delivered by the Chairman of the  
Marketing Committee and that arrangements be made accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows :-

From Mr. J. McFadzien re non-attendance at Executive meeting and  
conveying best wishes to members.

MARKETING -

To the Minister of Marketing applying for grant of £100.

From the Minister in reply (2).

To the Minister of Marketing re Conference decisions.

From the Minister in reply.

To the Minister in reply to request for a higher price of high-grade honey.

From the Minister re instructional films for the Industry.

From the Minister proposing a special meeting to discuss the drafting of a written agreement between the Industry and the Government.

To the Minister in reply.

From the Hon. K.J. Holyoake acknowledging receipt of Report of Conference and copy of Constitution.

To Hon. Holyoake re future of Blending and Packing Plant.

From the Minister stating that the whole question was being examined.

To the Minister asking for definite information before Executive meeting in Wellington.

From the Minister asking the Executive to formulate and give him in writing their proposals for the future marketing of honey, after which he would be pleased to meet the Executive and to discuss what could be done to put their proposals into effect.

To the Minister asking for clarification of National Party's election pledge that Internal Marketing would be handed over to producer co-operative organisations.

From the Minister in reply stating that there were alternatives to be considered and that existing arrangements would continue pending re-organisation. If producers prefer present methods, these would be retained. Before the Government was in a position to make a decision in respect of any commodity at present handled or controlled by the Marketing Department, it would be helpful to have a definite recommendation from the National organisation of the industry concerned. For that reason he had asked the Beekeepers' Association for their proposals for the future marketing of honey.

To the Secretary, Dominion Producers' Co-op. Agency Ltd., re previous discussions and asking for a statement from the Directors as to what terms and under what conditions the D.P.A. was prepared to take over the Blending and Packing Plant at Auckland and to assume responsibility for the marketing of honey.

From the Secretary, D.P.A. Ltd in reply, stating that in the event of the discontinuance of the processing plant at present in operation, the Directors recommended the National Beekeepers' Assn. to discuss the position with the Authorities in conjunction with the D.P.A. organisation with the object of securing the effective operation of co-operative producer control and marketing.

Following the reading of the above-mentioned correspondence a general discussion took place as to the best method to adopt in regard to the future marketing policy to be recommended to the Minister.

The Secretary reported that following the Rotorua Conference, Messrs. Field, Kirk and himself had met Mr. Begley and the Secretary of the D.P.A. in Palmerston North in an endeavour to get a clearer picture of the inside workings of the organisation and also with the idea of arranging a joint meeting of the General Executive and the Directors of the D.P.A. The subsequent letter to the Secretary of the D.P.A. was designed to secure a definite statement of policy from that organisation in order to facilitate discussions by the General Executive. Mr. Begley had thereupon made a request at short notice that the President and Secretary of our Association should attend the meeting of D.P.A. Directors in Palmerston North. This was agreed to, but the meeting failed to produce any worthwhile result for the reason that there appeared to be no possibility of a link-up unless the Beekeepers were first prepared to form a Co-operative Company having a separate identity but forming an integral part of the D.P.A. organisation.

The letter in reply from the Secretary of the D.P.A. reflected the attitude of the Directors in their discussions which took place after the meeting previously referred to.

The Chairman said it seemed that there was little prospect of adopting the suggestion of the D.P.A. Directors in regard to the formation of a Honey Producers Co-operative Company and he suggested that the matter of the future marketing policy should now be discussed in an endeavour to improve the present set-up with the Marketing Department.

Before adjourning for lunch at 1 p.m. the Chairman said that the Marketing Committee were meeting in Wellington the following day and it had been arranged for the Executive to meet the Committee at 10.30 a.m. for an exchange of ideas on the matters under discussion.

The meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m., when it was decided to set down the various points upon which agreement could be reached and that these be made known to the Marketing Committee on the following day.

Finally the following points were agreed to :-

1. The necessity for organised marketing.
2. That the Seals Levy be retained and that consideration be given to altering the incidence of the levy.
3. That the present marketing organisation be retained, firstly as an assurance of supply to the long-established overseas "Imperial Bee" brand and secondly, for the disposal of surplus crops, if and when they occur.
4. (a) That the franchise for the election of producer members on the Honey Marketing Committee be amended to provide for an equal vote for suppliers and purchasers of seals. (b) That the qualification for candidates for election to the Marketing Committee remain as at present.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE : was then read as follows :-

From Mr. A. Mawhinney re increased costs, negotiations with D.P.A. etc. dated 21.11.49.

To Mr. A. Mawhinney in reply.

From Mr. Mawhinney re Marketing etc. dated 15.2.50.

To the Commissioner of Taxes re Conference decision.

From Commissioner of Taxes in reply.

To Minister of Finance re Beekeepers' Taxation.

To Minister of Agriculture enclosing a copy of letter to Minister of Finance

From Minister of Finance in reply.

From Minister of Agriculture in reply.

To Director of Horticulture re attendance of Apiary Instructors at Conferences.

From Director of Horticulture in reply (2).

To Director of Horticulture re Conference decisions.

From Director of Horticulture in reply (3).

From Assistant Director of Marketing re importations of beeswax.

To Assistant Director of Marketing in reply (4).

To Director of Marketing re information on disposal of Beeswax.

From Director of Marketing in reply dated 17.1.50.

To Minister of Customs re Imports of Beeswax, dated 30.1.50.

From Comptroller of Customs in reply.

To Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry re shortage of Extractors.

From Superintendent, in reply.

To Superintendent giving names of persons requiring extractors (2).

To Minister of Customs re importation of Honey Cartons.

From Minister in reply.

To Minister of Internal Affairs re opossum menace.

From Minister in reply.

To Director of Health re Notice in Journal.

From Director in reply.

To Chairman, Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council.

From Chairman in reply.

To Commissioner of State Forests.

From Commissioner in reply.

From Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry re Export Regulations.

To Superintendent in reply suggesting amendments.

From Director of Horticulture promising consideration of suggested amendments and promising further reply.

From Dr. E.J. Dyce, (America) re suggested tour.

From Director of Horticulture re same..

To Dr. Dyce in reply.

From Mr. W.K. Dallas, acknowledging Life Membership Certificate.

To H.M. Buisson re complaint of A. Fraser.

From H.M. Buisson in reply.

To H.M. Buisson in reply. (Decided to take no further action).

From P. Balle, application for membership and enquiry re Protection of Apiary Sites.

To P. Balle in reply.

To Secretary Gore Branch re complaint to Public Service Commissioner.

To Secretary Hawkes Bay Branch asking for apology or withdrawal of allegations against Executive.

From Secretary H.B. Branch, advising no withdrawal or apology.

From Secretary Wairarapa Branch advising transfer of Branch Headquarters to Featherston.

To Secretary Wairarapa Branch in reply.

BULLER BRANCH :- The Secretary read a letter which he had received from Mr. E. Airey of Greymouth and four letters from Mr. G. Stone of Westport re the suggested formation of a new Branch on the West Coast.

The Secretary read the four letters he had written in reply and stated that as all the necessary formalities had been complied with, he had given permission for the Branch to be duly formed.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the action of the Secretary in granting permission for the formation of a new Branch in the Buller District be approved and that the initial subscriptions of the new members be extended to cover the year ending 31st May 1951."

SPREAD OF FOUL BROOD :- A letter from the Waitomo Branch was read in which it was urged that the Wallaceville Research Station be asked to institute investigations into the possibility of the spread of Foul Brood by the sale of Slungum to Nurserymen.

Decided to refer the matter to the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, for his consideration.

A further letter from the Waitomo Branch expressed alarm at the extraction of honey known to be infected with American Foul Brood and requested that action be taken by the Department of Agriculture to divert such honey from ordinary marketing channels.

Decided to advise the Branch that if the identity of the cases referred to were supplied to the Department, appropriate action would doubtless be taken.

INCREASED PRICES :- A resolution received from the Waitomo Branch urged the General Executive to present a case for increased prices based

on increased costs to the Price Tribunal before continuing negotiations with the Dominion Producers' Agency.

Decided to advise the Branch that the present marketing position was under review and that the Executive did not feel justified in asking for an increased price, which at present could not be sustained on the basis of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb.

In dealing with all other correspondence as read, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Lennie, "that the outward correspondence be approved and the inward received."

BRANCH BALANCE SHEETS were read as follows :-

Auckland Central, 1949 : Wairoa, 1949 :

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that the Branch Balance Sheets as read be received."

The time being 5.45 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 1st March, all members being present.

DIRTY HONEY CONTAINERS :- Mr. Lennie on behalf of the Gore Branch, brought up the question of having steps taken to prevent the present practice of manufacturers sending forward supplies of new tins in dirty railway waggons. Instances were quoted where tins had been received covered inside with the dust of coal, manure and other substances detrimental to health.

Decided to write to the manufacturers concerned stating that if more care was not exercised in forwarding these goods, the matter would be reported to the Health Department.

A further general discussion took place in connection with the meeting with the Marketing Committee and at 10.15 a.m. members adjourned to the Offices of the Marketing Department in the Hotel Cecil Buildings.

At this joint meeting a general exchange of views took place, the Chairman of the Marketing Committee presiding. The discussions continued until lunch time and were later carried on until 4 p.m.

The Executive resumed their meeting in the Empire Hotel at 4.15 p.m. with a discussion on the submissions to be made to the Minister

of Marketing. In referring to the Executive's proposals with regard to the franchise, which were strongly opposed by some members of the Marketing Committee, Mr. Pearson said that if the present basis were retained it would wipe out any possibility of support to the Marketing Department by producers in the South Island. It would however, make a tremendous difference if equal voting rights were given.

This view was strongly supported by Mr. Lennie who said that a return to the full pro-rata basis of payments would make a big difference to the attitude of the producers in the South.

Mr. Lennie also urged the Executive to adopt the suggestion put forward earlier in the meeting by Mr. Kirk whereby a premium would be paid by the Department for supplies of the better-grade honey sent into the Auckland Store.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which Mr. Kirk reminded members that his suggestion was in line with the resolution passed by the Conference in Rotorua and in respect of which the previous Minister of Marketing had asked for further details. Mr. Kirk said it was manifestly unfair that low-grade honey sent into the Department and also sold on the open market could command the same price as first class honey. It was pointed out also that Consumers were complaining about the wide disparity in the quality of honey sold in the open market as "pure Honey," all at the same price. It was detrimental to the Industry, was a direct encouragement to the producers of poor quality honey and must, if not soon arrested, seriously endanger the Marketing Department's endeavours to maintain their overseas connection.

Finally, it was decided to advise the Minister of the four points previously agreed upon and in addition, to inform him - "that owing to the urgent need for maintaining the "Imperial Bee" pack on the English market and for satisfying the Consumer demand for a high-grade standard pack on the local market, the Executive feels that the following changes should be effected without delay :-

- (1) That the Marketing Department be authorised to put up a specially-graded pack of not less than 90 points grading, for sale on the local



market at a premium of not less than 2d per lb. above the existing price which covers all ungraded honey.

- 2) That the Marketing Department be authorised to guarantee to Producers in advance of next years production season, a special bonus payment of 2d per lb. on all honey received by the Department which grades 96 points and over.
- 3) That in order to achieve this, portion of the existing reserve fund be utilised, if necessary, for the purpose of meeting any deficiency which may result from the above-mentioned guarantee."

It was further agreed to request the Minister to have the proposals relating to the extra payment for high-grade honey and the sale at a premium of the specially-graded pack, thoroughly and sympathetically investigated by the Marketing Department. //

CONFIRMATION :- It was then moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Pearson, "that the several matters enumerated in the preceding discussions and already unanimously agreed to, be forwarded to the Minister in reply to his request."

The motion was declared "carried unanimously."

The concluded the business of the meeting which terminated at 6.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE..3-7-50.....

CHAIRMAN..S. J. Field..

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN THE  
EMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON MONDAY THE 3RD JULY 1950, AT

9.30 A.M.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.A. Field (President), E.D. Williams (Vice-President) E.J. Kirk, T.E. Pearson, A.A. Lennie and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser). Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor of the "N.Z. Beekeeper" was also in attendance.

Mr. J.R. Barber was present from 10.50 a.m. onwards.

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 28th February and 1st March 1950 were read and confirmed.

INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCE and replies were read as follows :-

The HON. K.J. Holyoake : The Director of Horticulture :  
The Director of Marketing : Mr. A.C. Bridle and Mr. T.S. Winter.

At 10.25 a.m. Mr. Field received permission to retire in order to attend a meeting of the Honey Marketing Committee and Mr. Williams took the chair.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows :-

From Mr. W.J. Lennon regretting inability to attend Conference.  
From the Marketing Department in reply (2) dated 29.5.50 and 13.6.50  
re Beeswax.

To the Minister of Marketing dated 7.3.50 outlining the proposals arrived at by the Executive at their previous meeting.

From the Minister in reply dated 17.3.50.

To the Minister of Marketing dated 8.5.50.

From the Minister in reply dated 23.5.50.

To the Minister of Marketing dated 26.5.50.

From the Minister in reply dated 2.6.50 enclosing copy of letter dated 3.5.50 which had gone astray.

To the Minister of Marketing dated 16.6.50.

From the Minister in reply dated 26.6.50.

From the Canterbury Branch enquiring about withdrawals from the Seals Fund.

From the Director of Marketing, furnishing information required.

From South Canterbury Branch re proposals of Executive to Minister.

To South Canterbury Branch in reply dated 8.5.50.

From North Otago Branch objecting to extension of Seals Levy.

From Mr. J. McFadzien, report on Dunedin Convention.

From South Auckland Branch expressing disappointment at case put up by General Secretary re appeal for Taxation relief.

To South Auckland Branch in reply dated 31.5.50.

From Mr. Wallace Nelson, suggesting General Secretary being "used" for purpose of securing supplies of wax at less than 3/6d.

To Mr. Wallace Nelson in reply dated 22.5.50.

From the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry enclosing copy of letter to Director of Health re standard of Honey House cleanliness.

From Mr. L. Manktelow, re Comb Foundation for sale.

(Decided to advise Mr. Manktelow to insert notice in Journal).

To the Building Controller re supplies of Iron dated 11.5.50.

From the Building Controller in reply dated 15.5.50.

To Canterbury Branch re Iron dated 18.5.50.

From the Marketing Department re Journals to suppliers dated 5.5.50.

To the Marketing Department **in** reply dated 10.5.50.

From the Marketing Department dated 7.6.50 expressing thanks and enclosing copy of Circular sent out with Journals.

At this stage, the time being 1.20 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was resumed at 2.40 p.m. when Mr. Field again took the chair.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE was then read as follows :-

From Dr. E.J. Dyce in reply dated 10.3.50.

From Mr. Wm. J.C. Ashcroft tendering his resignation dated 30.5.50.

From Mr. Wm. J.C. Ashcroft dated 19.6.50 applying for the right to vote at Conference under Rule 35 (d) and (a).

To Mr. Ashcroft in reply dated 28.6.50.

From the Vice-President, All India Beekeepers Association re proposed visit to New Zealand.

To Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry re same.

From Director, Horticulture Division in reply.

To Vice-President, All India Association in reply.

From Messrs. J. Gadsden & Co. Ltd. in reply dated 22.3.50., re dirty tins.

To Messrs. Gadsden and Co. Ltd. in reply dated 23.3.50.

From Messrs. A. Harvey and Sons (Wgtn.) Ltd. in reply re same.

From Messrs. W.H. Bond and Co. Ltd. in reply re same.

From Whakatane Branch re future operations.

BRANCH BALANCE SHEETS : were read from the following :-

Canterbury : Clutha : Auckland Central : Hawkes Bay : South Canterbury :  
Far North : Otago : Southland and Gore.

DISPOSAL OF CORRESPONDENCE :- Matters referred to in the correspondence listed having been discussed and explanations given where necessary, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the inward correspondence and Branch Balance Sheets be received and the outward correspondence be approved."

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET :- The Chairman read the annual Report which the Secretary had compiled and the Secretary read the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31.5.50. Details of membership for the year was also given.

After this had been briefly discussed, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted."

AFTERNOON TEA ARRANGEMENTS :- The Secretary reported that he had made arrangements for the service of a buffet afternoon tea for members and delegate attending the Conference at a charge of 9d per head and the meeting agreed to endorse his action in that respect.

REMITS for the Conference were then briefly discussed and the meeting concluded at 5.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE. 10/10/50.....

CHAIRMAN. E. D. Williams..

# Resolution to operate on the Account of a Corporate Body or Unincorporated Society or Club.

**For Instructions as to completion  
see back of Form.**

To the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

You are hereby notified that the following is a true copy of a Resolution recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of (a) The General Executive duly convened and held in accordance with the Rules or Articles of Association of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated. on the Seventh day of July 19 50.

Resolved:—(1) "That (c) any one member of the Executive jointly with the General Secretary.

" be and are

" hereby appointed to operate the account of (b).....

" The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated.

" (hereinafter termed "the Corporation") kept with the Bank of New Zealand at

" (d) Foxton. and that the Bank be requested to honour and

" charge to the said account all Cheques drawn and all Bills of Exchange or Promissory Notes accepted or made by them on behalf of the Corporation whether the balance of the said account be credit or debit.

(2) "That (c)..... The General Secretary.

" be empowered to endorse Cheques, Drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments on behalf of the Corporation.

(3) "That all previous resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account are hereby superseded.

(4) "That the authority granted by this Resolution shall subsist until superseded by a further Resolution of the (a)..... The General Executive."

The subjoined schedule sets out the names, official designations and specimen signatures of the persons authorised by the said Resolution to operate on the said Account. You will be notified in writing of the passing of any further resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account and of any Changes in the names or official designations of any of such persons.

Name in full (e)	Official (f) Designation	Specimen (g) Signature
<i>Edward Leonard Williams</i>	President.	<i>E. L. Williams</i>
<i>Edward Armini Field.</i>	Vice-President.	<i>E. A. Field.</i>
<i>Thomas Francis Penrose</i>	Member.	<i>T. F. Penrose.</i>
<i>Eric James Kirk</i>	Member.	<i>E. J. Kirk</i>
<i>Edmund Gambrell</i>	Member.	<i>E. Gambrell.</i>
<i>James Richards Barber.</i>	Member.	<i>J. R. Barber.</i>
<i>Garnet Victor Grauer</i>	Secretary.	<i>G. V. Grauer</i>

er attestation clause is not applicable.)

(h) The Common Seal of The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc.

was hereunto affixed this Seventh day of July 1950. in the presence of

(i) Signed on behalf of and under the authority of \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



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*E. L. Williams* PRESIDENT.  
*E. A. Field.* VICE-PRESIDENT  
*Grauer* GEN. SECRETARY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN THEEMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON ON THE 10TH AND 11TH OCTOBER1950, COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President) T.F. Penrose,  
J.R. Barber, G.E. Gumbrell, E.J. Kirk and the Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

Mr. E.A. Field (Vice-President) arrived at 10.25 a.m.  
and tendered an apology for being late.

MINUTES of the meeting held in Wellington on the 3rd July 1950 were  
read and confirmed.

SITTING TIME :- It was agreed that the meeting should adjourn at  
12.30 p.m. and resume at 2 p.m.

CONFERENCE DECISIONS :- Correspondence relating to the decisions

reached by the Annual Conference were read as follows :-

To the Minister of Marketing re Conference decisions dated 10.7.50.  
To the Minister of Marketing (2) re Conference decisions dated 11.7.50.  
From the Minister of Marketing re Conference decisions dated 27.7.50.  
From the Returning Officer, Honey Marketing Committee Election dated 11.7.50.  
To the Asst. Director of Marketing re election dated 12.7.50.  
To the Director of Marketing re same dated 13.7.50.  
From the Asst. Director of Marketing re same dated 27.7.50.  
To the Asst. Director of Marketing re same dated 31.7.50.  
To Minister of Marketing re Marketing Committee Election dated 1.8.50.  
To Minister of Marketing dated 2.8.50 with copies of correspondence  
to the Director.  
From the Minister of Marketing re same dated 23.8.50.  
To the Minister of Marketing re same dated 29.8.50.  
From the Minister of Marketing dated 10.8.50.  
To the Minister of Marketing dated 18.8.50.  
From " " " " 25.8.50.  
To " " " " 5.9.50.  
From " " " " 13.9.50.  
From " " " " 5.10.50.  
To the Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee dated 27.7.50.  
" " " " " " 18.8.50.  
" " " " " " 5.9.50.  
From " " " " " " 25.9.50.  
To the Minister of Agriculture dated 12.7.50.  
From " " " " 19.7.50.  
From " " " " 3.8.50.  
From " " " " 1.8.50.  
To " " " " 7.8.50.  
To " " " " 5.9.50.  
From " " " " 13.9.50.  
From " " " (2) " 6.10.50

To the Minister of Customs re Cartons dated 11.7.50.  
 From the Minister of Customs re Cartons dated 3.8.50.  
 To the Secretary Dept. of Industries & Commerce re same dated 28.8.50.  
 From " " " " " " " " 6.9.50.  
 From " " " " " " " " 3.10.50.  
 To the Building Controller re G.F. Iron dated 28.7.50.  
 From " " " " " " " " 3.8.50.  
 To Minister of Internal Affairs re Opossums dated 12.7.50.  
 From " " " " " " " " 18.7.50.  
 To the Director-General of Health re unlabelled honey dated 12.7.50.  
 From " " " " " " " " 3.8.50.  
 To Secretary Federated Farmers re affiliation dated 5.9.50.  
 From " " " " " " " " 6.9.50.  
 To " " " " " " " " 7.9.50.  
 From " " " " " " " " 8.9.50.  
 From Director of Horticulture dated 7.8.50.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE WAS READ AS FOLLOWS :-

From Director of Horticulture (with enclosure) dated 31.7.50.  
 To " " " in reply dated 31.8.50.  
 From Mr. W.B. Bray re Voting dated 13.7.50.  
 To " " " " " 18.7.50.  
 To Mr. E.D. Williams re request from Hawkes Bay **Branch** etc. dated 26.7.50.  
 From Hawkes Bay Branch (copy of letter to Marketing Dept.) dated 5.9.50.  
 From Mr. J. McFadzien dated 25.9.50, enclosing letters from Indian Industrial Museum and British Beekeepers' Assn.  
 To Chief Postmaster, Dunedin, re funds of Central Otago Branch dated 4.10.50.  
 From Director-General of Health dated 11.9.50 re revision of Food and Drugs **Regulations 1946**.  
 To Director-General of Health dated 13.9.50.  
 From South Auckland Branch dated 4.9.50.  
 From Secretary Canterbury Provincial Buildings Board dated 3.8.50.  
 From Canterbury Branch re Constitution dated 12.9.50.  
 From Secretary Canterbury Provincial Buildings Board dated 10.8.50.  
 To " " " " " " " 5.9.50.  
 From South Canterbury Branch re Contracts of Supply dated 16.9.50.  
 To " " " " " " " 22.9.50.  
 From Waitomo Branch (Branch Resolutions) dated 16.9.50.  
 To " " " " " " " 22.9.50.  
 From Mr. J. McFadzien re Journal Correspondence dated 15.8.50.  
 To " " " " " " " 18.8.50.  
 From Mr. A. Mawhinney re Costs Schedule etc. dated 1.10.50.  
 To " " " " " " " 6.10.50.  
 To Secretary Canterbury Branch (re Mr. Smellie) dated 4.8.50.  
 To the Minister of Marketing re £100 grant dated 18.8.50.  
 From the Minister of Marketing re £100 grant dated 28.8.50.

HONEY MARKETING COMMITTEE REGULATIONS :- Following a discussion, during which the Secretary reported upon the interview the President and himself had had with the Minister at the latter's request, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that the correspondence from the Minister be received and that we request the Minister to have the necessary amendment made to the Honey Marketing Committee Regulations as set out in his letter dated the 23.8.50."

With regard to the request from Conference for representation on the Committee of a South Island producer, it was moved by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that in view of the fact that there were no nominations from the South Island in the last election, the Executive has no recommendation to make to the Minister on the subject and proposes to refer the matter to the next Annual Conference for reconsideration." The motion was carried.

In discussing the request from Conference that the Marketing Committee be given administrative powers, Mr. Gumbrell moved, "that action be taken to give the Honey Marketing Committee administrative powers."

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder and no further action was taken, other than a decision to advise the Minister that the Executive wished to give the matter further consideration before coming to a final decision.

POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE RE ADVISERS :- Resolved on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Penrose, "that clause 20 of the Honey Marketing Regulations 1948 be amended by adding the words "or any other person," after the word "producer" in the second line."

The object of this proposed amendment is to enable the Marketing Committee to utilise the services of any outside person with commercial experience. Members were unanimously of the opinion that the Marketing Committee should be able to call on outside advice in matters relating to the commercial side of marketing.

ADJOURNMENT :- The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m

Upon resuming at 2 p.m. a discussion took place with reference to the decisions reached by the Marketing Committee at their recent meeting as set out in the letter from the Minister dated the 5th October.

Mr. Field explained some of the points raised and it was decided to request Mr. Beard, a Government representative on the Committee, to attend the meeting and, if possible, clarify the position in regard to the



system of contracts of supply.

MR. BRAY'S PETITION :- While awaiting the arrival of Mr. Beard, consideration was given to the question of Mr. Bray's petition to Parliament, praying for the repeal of the Honey Marketing Regulations 1946 or alternatively, some other form of relief from the Honey Seals Levy.

The Secretary said that he had been advised by the Clerk of the Petitions Committee that Mr. Bray's petition was set down for hearing at 9.30 a.m. the following day. The Association could arrange to give evidence if it so desired.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that this Association make representation in opposition to the petition of Mr. W.B. Bray and others at the hearing to be held at Parliament Buildings at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday morning."

CONTRACTS OF SUPPLY :- With the arrival of Mr. Beard, discussion on the matter of contracts of supply of honey to the Department was resumed. Mr. Beard explained that the details of the form of the contract were now being worked out. Written contracts were required on the basis of a minimum supply, the price offered being based on a pro-rata payment of  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb plus a differential bonus payment of  $\frac{3}{4}$ d per lb on honey supplied under contract. Those contracting would also be given the option of supplying up to 50% above the amount contracted for and this extra honey would earn a differential bonus payment of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb.

The basis of the final bonus payment was yet to be decided upon. Mr. Beard made it clear that the differential bonus payments would not apply to honey supplied outside the contract system.

Members considered that the proposed terms were satisfactory and expressed the hope that there would be no undue delay in putting the proposition before the producers.

DESTRUCTION OF NEGLECTED APIARIES :- This question was discussed in the light of the reply furnished by the Minister. Mr. Gumbrell said the position was most unsatisfactory and he cited an instance in his district where the owner of an apiary had not visited the site for some years. Mr. Field subsequently telephoned the Director of Horticulture on the matter and the Director stated that as the Act stood at present, the Inspectors were powerless to destroy the apiary unless all of the hives were diseased. The Director stated however, that he was prepared to consider an amendment to the

Act at a later date if it were found that a substantial number of Beekeepers throughout the Dominion were anxious to have the powers of Inspectors extended to allow for the complete destruction of a neglected apiary if disease were found to be present.

REDUCED FUNDS TO A PIARY INSTRUCTORS :- Alarm was expressed by several members at the reduced allowances being made available by the Department to Apiary Instructors for travelling and general expenses and instances were quoted where Departmental Officers had found it necessary to curtail their work of inspection.

The President said it seemed ridiculous that the Inspector's work had to be suspended at the most critical time of the year as far as control of disease was concerned and it was decided to write an urgent letter to the Minister concerning the matter.

Subsequently Mr. Field stated that he had been advised by the Director of Horticulture that it was confidently expected that the necessary finance would be forthcoming as soon as the Supplementary Estimates had been passed by Parliament and it was therefore decided to take no further action in the matter.

The time being 6.30 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday the 11th October when the opossum menace was discussed. Mr. Kirk said that the high prices now being realised for opossum skins would probably help the position considerably and apparently no further action could be taken.

AFFILIATION WITH FEDERATED FARMERS :- Mr. Field having left to attend the hearing of Mr. Bray's petition, consideration of this matter was deferred.

MR. BRAY'S REQUEST FOR VOTING PARTICULARS :- Following the reading of the correspondence and the Secretary's explanation of the position, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Williams, "that the Secretary's action be endorsed."

JOURNAL MATTERS :- With reference to the two letters from Mr. J. McFadzien, it was agreed that he should supply free copies of the Journal to the India Museum Library as requested. With regard to the publication of the reports of the Executive and of Conference it was decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the Editor.

With reference to Mr. Gordon's letter to the Editor (referred back) Mr. Penrose made an explanation of his actions as stated by him at the last Conference and in doing so, pointed out that he had signed Mr. Bray's petition

before being elected as a member of the Executive. After a general discussion it was decided to write to the Editor stating that if Mr. Gordon still wished the letter to be published, a copy of the communication was to be first sent to Mr. Penrose who was to be given an opportunity to reply to Mr. Gordon in the same issue of the Journal.

EDITOR'S TELEPHONE :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that the Association pay the full annual rental of the Editor's telephone."

FOOD & DRUGS REGULATIONS 1946 :- Concerning the letter from the Health Department, it was decided to advise the Director-General that the Executive had no submissions to make regarding the question of revision, but that the Association wished to be advised of any suggested alterations which may be contemplated concerning the production and sale of honey.

Members adjourned for lunch at 12.50 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m.

TAXATION :- A letter from Mr. Wallace Nelson, dated the 7th October was read, together with copies of several lengthy letters sent by the Beekeepers' Taxation Committee to the Minister of Finance, (Rt. Hon. S.G. Holland) the Association Minister (Hon. C.M. Bowden), the Minister of Agriculture and the Hon. W.T. Broadfoot and replies thereto.

Mr. Nelson, in referring to the Minister's suggestion that the matter be again referred to the National Executive for further discussions with the Commissioner of Taxes, asked, on behalf of the Committee, that steps be taken to have the case re-examined in an effort to secure relief from the burden of taxation brought about by the Commissioner's action.

In reply to an enquiry, the Secretary stated that he was quite prepared to accompany Mr. Nelson in a further interview with the Commissioner but he could envisage no progress being made unless Mr. Nelson's contention that the Commissioner had no legal right to assess tax as he had done, was supported by a competent legal opinion.

Mr. Barber said that the South Auckland Branch had a fairly considerable reserve fund in hand which they were quite prepared to use for the purpose of fighting the Taxation question. He asked for authority from the Executive to enable the Branch to use their funds for the purpose if required.

Following a general discussion, it was moved by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that the South Auckland Branch be authorised to use surplus funds for the purpose mentioned, if so desired." Carried.

As Mr. Nelson had stated that his Solicitor had given it as his opinion that the Commissioner had no legal right to act as he had done, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Field, "that Mr. Nelson be asked to furnish the General Secretary with a written opinion from his Solicitor and that the Secretary be empowered to secure a further independent opinion from a legal authority."

TRUST FUNDS :- The Secretary drew attention to the fact that there was now a credit balance in the Trust Account of £242 and he recommended that steps be taken to have the sum of £200 placed in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that the sum of £200 be transferred from the credit balance of the Trust Fund in the Bank of New Zealand to a deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank."

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that Messrs. E.A. Field and G.V. Fraser be appointed as Trustees to open and operate an account in the Post Office Savings Bank in the name of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand Incorporated Trust Fund."

CANTERBURY BRANCH AFFAIRS :- The Secretary made an explanation with reference to his letter to the Canterbury Branch Secretary concerning the status of Mr. E. Smellie, pointing out that a person could not be considered to be a financial member unless he had paid his subscription on the basis of his hive-holding.

FEDERATED FARMERS :- The question of affiliation with Federated Farmers was continued at this stage. Mr. Gumbrell pointed out that some members in the South Island had paid a separate subscription to the Farmer's organisation and had been appointed to District Councils as representatives of the Beekeepers. It quite often happened that subjects of vital interest to Beekeepers were discussed at the Farmers' meetings and he considered it was advisable for the two organisations to be linked together by affiliation. It was hoped if that were done that members of the National would not be called upon to pay two separate subscriptions.

In the correspondence which had passed between the General Secretaries of the two organisations, the Farmer's Secretary had stated that his organisation would welcome liaison with the N.B.A. and that similar arrangements could probably be made whereby a representative of the N.B.A. would be given a seat on the Dominion Council of Federated Farmers as was done in the case of the Fruitgrowers and Market Gardeners, neither of which paid any fees to the Federation, but paid the travelling expenses of their own representatives. Both the President and Mr. Field stated that they were in favour of affiliation with representation on the Dominion Council, but were opposed to Beekeepers representing the Industry on the various Provincial Councils. Finally it was decided to refer the matter to the next Annual Conference for further consideration.

BRANCH BALANCE SHEETS :- were received from the Waitomo Branch and the Wairoa Branch.

INCREASED HONEY PRICES :- This matter was discussed at some length.

Members were of the opinion that rising costs since 1947 warranted a general increase in prices, but were unable to decide whether it would be prudent to lift prices at this stage.

Finally it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that we approach the Marketing Committee and ascertain from them their views on the question of seeking an increase in the retail prices of honey."

GENERAL :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that we write to the Minister of Marketing expressing sincere thanks and appreciation for his address at Conference and for the prompt manner in which he has dealt with matters arising from the Conference."

CORRESPONDENCE :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that the inward correspondence be received and the outward approved."

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded, the time being 4 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN *E. X. Williams*.....