

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN THE HOTEL  
REGENT, WELLINGTON, ON THE 19TH., 20TH., 21ST., and 22ND. FEBRUARY, 1952  
COMMENCING AT 2 P.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

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

MINUTES of the meeting held on the 3rd. and 4th. October, 1951 were read  
and confirmed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS :- The suggested procedure as set out by the Secretary,  
covering appointments and order of business, was adopted under the six  
headings listed.

VALEDICTORY :- The Secretary reported having written to Mrs. A.B.  
Callick, expressing the sincere sympathy of members in the death of Mr. Callick.  
A card in acknowledgement of this message from Mrs.  
Callick and family was then read.

Mr. Field in referring to the passing of Mr. Callick, said  
that the late gentleman had greatly helped the Beekeeping Industry in many  
ways and that he had assisted those engaged in the craft both individually  
and collectively. His keen interest and advice had been of much benefit  
to the Industry over a period of many years.

Other members added their tributes to the deceased, and  
it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Barber, "That we  
place on record the Executive's appreciation of the services of the late Mr.  
Callick."

MARKETING - "CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HONEY MARKETING COMMITTEE  
AND THE EXECUTIVE IN JOINT EFFORTS TO STABILISE RETURNS AND FUTURE OPERATIONS  
OF MARKETING DEPARTMENT." In this regard, the following correspondence  
was read :-

From the Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee dated 1.11.51.

To " " " " " " 14.11.51.

From South Canterbury Branch dated 22.10.51.

From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee to South Canterbury Branch dated 17.1.52.

From " " " " " General Secretary dated 22.11.51

From Mr. N.E. Glass on behalf of Gore Branch, dated 15.12.51.

From Mr. W.G. Bassett, enclosing letter to H.M.C. dated 4.12.51.

From Chairman, H.M.C. copy of reply to Mr. Bassett dated 8.1.52.

From Mr. W.G. Bassett, further letter to Chairman, H.M.C., dated 16.1.52.

From Chairman, H.M.C. re Wellington Meeting etc. dated 7.2.52.

Following the reading of these letters, a lengthy discussion took place in which members expressed their concern at the dangers facing the Industry Marketing structure, consequent upon the rise in costs of production in excess of the returns from export sales. After all the relevant points had been debated, it was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Glass - "That in order to make returns to suppliers to the Marketing Department comparable with returns of private packers, this Executive is of the opinion that a subsidy should be granted on all honey exported, and if necessary, consideration be given to an increase in the Seals Levy, provided always that adequate safeguards are assured to protect the interests of producer-packers." The motion was carried.

The time being 6.45 p.m. the meeting then adjourned until 7.45 p.m.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE :- was then read as follows :-

From Chairman, H.M.C. re Honey Cases and F.O.R. basis of supply dated 25.10.51.

From Manager, Honey Section, re Honey Cases dated 26.10.51.

From Mr. J. McFadzien re Aperture of Tins dated 27.10.51.

To Gadsden & Co., Bond & Co., and Harvey & Sons re Aperture of Tins dated 26.10.51

From J. Gadsden and Co. Ltd., in reply dated 29.10.51.

To J. Gadsden and Co. Ltd., in reply dated 31.10.51.

To Manager, Honey Section re Aperture of Tins dated 31.10.51

The ensuing discussion revealed the fact that members were not clear as to the actual size of the aperture required and it was decided to discuss the matter later with the Marketing Committee.

From the N.Z. Insurance Co. Ltd. re premium rates dated 29.10.51. Noted.

ASSOCIATION FINANCE & JOURNAL COSTS :- The Secretary read his letter to the Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 16.10.51, pointing out the financial difficulties with which the Executive was faced, and also gave members a summary of the position which had to be faced during the current year. The estimated deficit in the General Account up to the 31st. May 1952 was £250-300. He also explained that on the basis of the cost of the November issue of the Journal, the annual cost of publication with the form of the Journal as at present would be 1/11½d each copy, or 7/10d. for 4 copies per annum.

Members appreciated the fact that the position was desperate and it was decided to hold the matter over until after the meeting with the Marketing Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION :- Business was resumed at 9 a.m. on the 20th. when matters relating to the Cost of Production Survey were considered.

The following correspondence was read :-

To the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry dated 16.10.51.

From the " " " " 15. 2.52, enclosing copy of proposed schedules for submission to Beekeepers, and the panel of Beekeepers selected for the questionnaire.

Other relevant correspondence read was as follows :-

From Director, Horticulture Division dated 3.1.52, embodying letter from Mr. A. Mawhinney and reply thereto.

From Director, Horticulture Division dated 24.1.52, embodying further letters from Mr. A. Mawhinney and reply.

Consideration of the various matters involved was given in a general discussion, after which further consideration was deferred pending the arrival of Messrs. Greig, Winter, Patterson and McPherson.

TAXATION :- The following correspondence was read :-

To the Commissioner of Taxes dated 16.10.51.

From the Commissioner of Taxes dated 30.11.51.

To the Commissioner of Taxes in reply dated 24.12.51.

COST OF PRODUCTION SURVEY (CONTD.) :- At this stage, -11 a.m. - Messrs.

A.M.W. Greig, T.S. Winter, C.R. Patterson and McPherson of the Department of Agriculture, arrived and were welcomed by the President.

Mr. Greig outlined the proposals in so far as procedure for the gathering of the necessary data for the survey was concerned, and invited comments as to details in the questionnaires and also in regard to the panel of Beekeepers selected by the Department.

After various questions had been answered by the visitors, and explanations given on points raised, members agreed to the proposals, which Mr. Greig indicated would be re-submitted to the General Secretary with a covering letter requesting written approval to the form and procedure to be adopted, also to the panel of Beekeepers selected as representing a fair cross-section of the Industry.

At the request of Mr. Greig, the General Secretary agreed to communicate direct with each of the 70 Beekeepers listed in the panel, urging their full co-operation in assisting with the survey.

The visitors then withdrew and the time being 12.45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

MEETING WITH HONEY MARKETING COMMITTEE :- At 2 p.m. members met the Honey Marketing Committee in the Board Room, Lambton Quay. Here the gathering resolved itself into a joint meeting, of which Mr. A.C. Bridle was elected Chairman.

At this meeting a full discussion took place concerning the future of organised Marketing, with particular reference to the difficulties which had arisen through the present disparity in nett returns to the Marketing Department from the seals levy and sales of honey overseas, as compared with the present price of bulk honey in the Dominion. The question of bridging this gap was debated at some length and it was generally agreed that immediate and positive steps would have to be taken by the Industry if the Marketing Department was to continue to operate in the interests of producers. Mr. Williams informed the meeting of the text of a resolution passed by the Executive at their meeting, relative to the Seals Levy and proposed subsidy on exports.

Mr. Nelson said that the Marketing Committee had met the Minister of Marketing earlier that day and had informed him fully of the difficulties with which the Committee was faced. From the remarks of the Minister it was obvious that the Government was not prepared to carry on the operations of the Honey Section of the Department unless the Industry was prepared to put its whole weight behind the organisation which it had requested the Government to continue. It was certain, said Mr. Nelson, that the Honey Section could not continue to function unless there was a substantial increase in the Seals Levy, which had remained at the same rate as was fixed in 1938. It was only commonsense to realise that what was sufficient in 1938, was quite inadequate to meet present-day conditions. The speaker also considered that there was no chance whatsoever of obtaining a Government Subsidy as suggested by the N.B.A. Executive.

Mr. Bridle also made it clear that organised marketing could not be continued while the Seals Levy remained at the existing figure, and pointed out that the Government was anxious for the

Industry to build up its marketing structure as soon as possible, so as to enable the marketing organisation to be taken over and controlled by the producers themselves. An indication of the Government's intentions in this regard had already been given by the Minister in a statement through the Press.

Stressing the seriousness of the position facing the Industry, Mr. Bridle urged the Executive to re-consider their resolution and to take more positive steps to overcome the difficulties which had arisen.

The discussions continued until 5.45 p.m. when the combined meeting adjourned until 9.15 a.m. on the 21st.

The General Executive assembled again at 7.45 p.m. in the Hotel Regent, when Mr. A.C. Bridle was also in attendance.

Relative correspondence was read as follows :-

RE PRICE ORDER :-

To Director of Price Control dated 29.10.51.

To Director of Price Control dated 6.12.51.

To Price Tribunal (telegram) dated 1.2.52.

To Hon. K.J. Holyoake (telegram) dated 1.2.52.

From Price Tribunal (telegram) dated 4.2.52.

To Price Tribunal (telegram) dated 5.2.52.

From Hon. K.J. Holyoake (telegram) dated 5.2.52.

To Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 8.2.52.

From Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 14.2.52.

From Price Tribunal dated 8.2.52.

To Price Tribunal dated 12.2.52.

From Chairman, H.M.C. enclosing copy of letter to Acting Director, Marketing Department dated 12.2.52.

RE ASSOCIATION FINANCE :-

To Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 16.10.51.

From Hon. K.Holyoake dated 11.1.52.

From Chairman, H.M.C. dated 19.12.51.

From Mr. J. McFadzien dated 1.12.51.

A general discussion ensued in which matters relating to the recent price order, marketing and Association finance were fully discussed.

The General Secretary outlined the difficulties facing the Executive through increased costs, making it quite clear that the Executive could not meet the costs of Industry discussions and Conferences out of its

very limited domestic income, and indicated that financial assistance would have to be provided if the Executive was to continue to represent the Industry as required under present-day conditions

The discussions continued until 10.30 p.m. when the meeting adjourned.

Members again met the Marketing Committee in their Board Room at 9.15 a.m. on the 21st.

APERTURE OF TINS :- The General Secretary explained the confusion which existed over the request of Conference for an alteration in the size of the aperture of 60lb. tins and requested clarification of the matter.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the request referred to the screw-cap type for liquid honey and that the size of the aperture should be increased from  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter.

Mr. Williams, informed the Marketing Committee of the financial troubles of the Association, and the General Secretary quoted figures of the estimated deficit in the General Account. Unless Industry funds were made available to the Association, curtailment of the publication of the Journal and the cancellation of the coming Conference were inevitable, said the Secretary.

Both Mr. Bridle and Mr. Beard expressed the opinion that funds would have to be made available to the Association to enable it to carry on it's work in the interests of the Industry as a whole, and Mr. Bridle indicated that the Committee would consider the matter later in the day.

The combined discussions concluded at 10.20 a.m.

The Executive resumed their own meeting in the Hotel Regent at 10.45 a.m.

C.S. HAWKES BAY BRANCH :- The Secretary read his letter to the Secretary of the Branch dated 31.10.51, explaining that he had been unable to get a reply from the Branch regarding their financial statements for the past 2 years, despite previous requests.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Glass, "That Mr. Field be asked to call upon the C.S.H.B. Branch and take whatever steps he considered necessary to secure the information required by the Executive."

NEGLECTED APIARIES & INSPECTION WORK ETC. :- Relating to these matters, correspondence was read as follows :-

To Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry dated 11.10.51.  
 From Director, Horticulture Division in reply dated 26.10.51.  
 From Hon. K.J. Holyoake re Neglected Apiaries dated 18.10.51.  
 To Hon. K.J. Holyoake in reply dated 25.10.51.  
 From Hon. K.J. Holyoake re Sugar Supplies dated 25.10.51.

HONEY MARKETING REGULATIONS ETC. :- Correspondence read as follows :-

To Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee dated 12.10.51,  
 (Re - Delayed Payments to South Canterbury Suppliers.  
 Supply of Seals on Credit Basis.  
 Honey Marketing Regulations.  
 Information to Suppliers and Purchasers of Seals.  
 A. Mawhinney's letter.)

From Chairman, H.M.C. in reply re above dated 29.10.51.  
 From Chairman, H.M.C. re Regulations dated 24.10.51.  
 To Acting Director, Marketing Department re Regulations dated 12.10.51.  
 From Acting Director, Marketing Dept. re Regulations dated 16.11.51.  
 To " " " " " " " 19.11.51.

Matters relating to the Honey Marketing Regulations were discussed at length, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Williams, "That the Honey Marketing Regulations be amended to provide that all retail containers up to and including 2lb. weight be stamped with the Seals Levy at the source of manufacture."

It was decided to put this resolution to Conference in the form of a remit from the General Executive.

The time being 12.45 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

MOTION RESCINDED :- The meeting resumed at 1.45 p.m. when it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Field, "That the resolution re Subsidy and Seals Levy passed the previous day be rescinded."

It was thereupon further resolved as a remit to Conference, on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "That in order to make returns to Suppliers to the Marketing Department comparable with returns of Producer-packers, this Conference agrees to an increase in the Seals Levy of one  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound, and also instructs the incoming Executive to immediately approach the Government with the request for a subsidy to

be granted on all honey exported which returns a nett price below that obtainable on the local market."

MANUKA HONEY :- Correspondence read as follows :-

To Chairman, H.M.C. dated 12.10.51.

From Chairman, H.M.C. (2) (with enclosures) dated 24.12.51.

From Chairman, H.M.C. re Meeting dated 13.2.52.

PRICE ORDER :- At 3.5. p.m. Messrs. Williams, Field and the General Secretary left the meeting in order to meet the Price Tribunal, in company with Mr. A.C. Bridle.

INSECTICIDES & WEEDKILLERS :- The remaining members of the Executive continued in session and dealt with the following correspondence :-

To Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 8.10.51.

From Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 19.10.51.

To Director, Horticulture Division dated 9.10.51.

From Director, Horticulture Division dated 24.10.51.

From " " " " 12.11.51.

From " " " " 29.11.51.

From Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry dated 24.1.52.

From Director, Horticulture Division dated 6.2.52.

At 5.40 p.m. Messrs. Williams, Field and the General Secretary returned from their meeting with the Price Tribunal. Mr. Barber was granted leave of absence to enable him to return home on the night train and the meeting adjourned at 5.45. p.m.

On the 22nd., Executive members left the Hotel to attend a Conference at 10 a.m. with the Assistance Director-General of Agriculture, the Director of Horticulture, the Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry and other officers of the Department, to discuss the problem of Insecticides and Weedkillers.

The General Secretary, accompanied by the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee, attended at the office of the Price Control Division at the request of the Chairman of the Price Tribunal, in order to re-check the figures submitted in the application for increased prices of honey.

The Executive resumed it's meeting at 1.45 p.m., when Mr. T.S. Winter was present. A general discussion took place relating to the



forthcoming Cost of Production Survey, when various aspects of this matter were clarified. Mr. Winter withdrew at 2.20 p.m.

JOURNAL COSTS :- Reverting to the earlier discussion on Association finances, consideration was given to the points raised by Mr. McFadzien in his letters dated 1st. December 1951 and 14th. January 1952 respectively, and also to the quotations contained in the letter to the Editor from The Beynon Printing Co. Ltd. dated the 18th. September 1951.

Following a general discussion the following resolutions were passed :- Moved by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "That the subscription rate to Journal subscribers be raised to 8/- per annum, to become effective immediately in respect of renewals of existing subscriptions and to apply also to all new subscribers forthwith."

"That future issues of the Journal be printed as per quote (c) of Beynon's letter dated 18.9.51, providing that the quality of the paper of the cover pages remains as at present, but substituting a plain black plate in lieu of the existing colour plate."

"That all advertising rates be increased by 20%, with the exception of the Charge made against the Marketing Department."

It was further agreed resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Field, "That as from the 1st. June 1952, copies of "The New Zealand Beekeeper" be supplied only to those members who pay, in addition to their membership subscription, a Journal fee of 3/- per annum."

RE MR. MAWHINNEY :- The following correspondence was read :-

From Mr. A. Mawhinney dated 1.10.51.

To " " " in reply dated 19.10.51.

From Mr. W. Purves dated 21.11.51.

From Mr. A. Mawhinney dated 9.10.51.

From Waitomo Branch (2) dated 15.1.52.

From Mr. A. Mawhinney dated 8.1.52.

Members were incensed over the slanderous remarks made by Mr. Mawhinney and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Glass, "That Mr. Mawhinney be written to and informed that the Executive had perused the scurrilous statements contained in his letters dated October 1st. 1951 and December 9th. 1951 respectively, and

demands an immediate written apology and a complete withdrawal of these remarks. Unless this is received, the Executive will be obliged to take further action."

It was also resolved on the motion of Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "That the General Secretary be instructed to obtain a legal opinion as to whether or not Mr. Mawhinney's correspondence is libelous."

ASSOCIATION FUNDS (CONTD.) :- The Secretary reported that Mr. Bridle had advised him that the Marketing Committee had agreed to provide the N.B.A. with funds up to £300 to enable the Executive to carry out its functions for the current year.

Members expressed their appreciation of the assistance being given.

PRICE ORDER :- The Secretary also reported that the Price Tribunal had advised that it had not yet reached a decision on the protest which had been lodged in respect of the Price Order gazetted on the 7th. February.

The meeting terminated at 4.15. p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE. 7<sup>th</sup> July 1952

CHAIRMAN. E. D. Williams

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN  
THE CENTRAL HOTEL, AUCKLAND, ON THE 7TH., AND 8TH. JULY,  
1952, COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

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

An apology for absence was received from Mr. E.A. Field.

MINUTES of the Meeting held in Wellington on the 19th., 20th., 21st.  
and 22nd. February 1952 were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows :-

From Hon. K.J. Holyoake re Conference.  
From Sir John Allum re Conference.  
From Mr. A.M.W. Greig re Conference.  
To Mr. A.M.W. Greig in reply.  
From Mr. A.C. Bridle re Conference.  
From Mr. K.B. Longmore re Conference.  
From Director Horticulture Division re Conference.  
From Mr. T.S. Winter, re Conference.  
To Mr. T. Palmer-Jones, re address.  
From Mr. T. Palmer-Jones, in reply.  
From Mr. J. McFadzien, re Conference.  
" " " " " "  
From Mono (N.Z.) Ltd. Invitation to visit Factory.  
To Mono (N.Z.) Ltd. in reply.  
From " " " " "  
From W.H. Bond & Co. Ltd. re Aperture of Tins.  
From J. Gadsden and Co. Ltd. re Aperture of Tins.  
From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee dated 7.3.52, re Executive's  
resolution regarding Seals Levy.  
From Director-General of Agriculture re Cost of Production Survey,  
dated 7.4.52, enclosing copy of  
amended form of questionnaire.  
From Director, Extension Division re same, enclosing list of Beekeepers  
selected for actual cost survey, dated 28.4.52.  
From same, re same, dated 19.5.52.  
From Mr. A. Mawhinney re same dated 12.5.52.  
To Mr. A. Mawhinney re same in reply dated 14.5.52.  
From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee, copy of Minutes of Combined  
meeting held in Wellington, 20th. and 21st. February, 1952.  
From Same, re grant to N.B.A. funds, dated 29.4.52.  
To same in reply dated 9.5.52.  
From Secretary, Board of Trade, re Control of Imports of Honey.  
To Secretary, Board of Trade, re Control of Imports of Honey in reply  
dated 19.3.52.  
From Secretary Board of Trade in reply dated 25.3.52.

To Mr. A. Mawhinney, re libelous allegations, dated 10.3.52.  
 From Bergin and Cleary, legal opinion re Mawhinney's allegations,  
 dated 11.3.52.  
 From Mr. A. Mawhinney in reply dated 14.3.52.  
 To " " " " " " 4.4.52.  
 From Mr. A. Mawhinney withdrawal of statements, dated 26.4.52.  
 To Waitomo Branch in reply to Branch Resolutions dated 4.4.52.  
 From Mr. A. Mawhinney dated 23.6.52 re Cost of Production Survey.  
 From Director of Horticulture, re Hawkes Bay Bee Protection Committee  
 dated 10.3.52.  
 To Secretary Hawkes Bay Branch, enclosing copy of Director's letter  
 and urging Branch to reconsider previous decision.  
 From Hawkes Bay Branch in reply dated 26.3.52.  
 To " " " " " " 10.4.52.  
 To Director of Horticulture re same dated 1.4.52.  
 From Hawkes Bay Branch in reply dated 27.6.52.  
 From N.Z. Standards Institute re Code of By-laws for Beekeeping  
 dated 2.4.52.  
 To N.Z. Standards Institute re Code of By-Laws in reply dated 6.5.52.  
 From " " " " " " " " " 9.5.52.  
 From Gore Branch re Direct Members dated 10.5.52.  
 To " " " " " " in reply dated 16.5.52.  
 To Waitomo Branch in reply to allegations re February meeting of  
 General Executive, dated 13.5.52.  
 To South Auckland Branch in reply re Life Members, dated 12.5.52.  
 To Commissioner of Taxes re remit from South Auckland dated 27.5.52.  
 From Commissioner of Taxes in reply dated 5.6.52.  
 From Director, Price Control dated 24.3.52 enclosing statement from  
 Tribunal on its views re protest at February Price Order.  
 To Director, Price Control in reply dated 7.4.52, rejecting figures  
 supplied by Tribunal and stating actual figures in detail.  
 From Hon. K.J. Holyoake, Acting Minister of Industries & Commerce  
 dated 26.3.52, re submissions concerning anomaly in Price Order.  
 To same in reply dated 9.4.52.  
 From same in reply dated 10.4.52.  
 From Hon. J. Watts, Minister of Industries & Commerce, dated 12.5.52  
 stating that he had discussed matter of faulty Price Order with  
 Tribunal and that submissions made were receiving urgent consideration.  
 From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee, dated 4.4.52 enclosing copy  
 of written submission made to Chairman, Price Tribunal dated 31.3.52.  
 From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee re price dispute dated 22.4.52.  
 From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee, copy of detailed statement  
 sent to Minister of Marketing re Honey Prices dispute dated 12.5.52.  
 From same, copy of letter sent to Director, Price Control, re Price  
 Order dated 31.3.52.  
 From Mr. J. McFadzien, dated 9.6.52 congratulating Executive on final  
 success in regard to amended Price Order.  
 From Mr. W.G. Bassett, complaint re May issue of ~~May~~ Journal.  
 From Auckland Central Branch, dated 18.6.52, proposing Sir Wm. Jordan  
 for Life Membership.  
 To Same in reply.

From C.S. Hawkes Bay Branch re delay in remitting Branch Funds.  
 From same copies of 2 years Balance Sheets.  
 From Federated Farmers re Weed Control Conference at Lincoln College -  
 21st. and 22nd. August.

In regard to this Conference it was decided that Mr. Gumbrell should represent the N.B.A. and it was agreed that the General Secretary should furnish Mr. Gumbrell with a letter authorising him to act on the Executive's behalf.

The reading of the above correspondence was interrupted by the meeting adjourning for lunch at 12.50 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 2.10 p.m. when the balance of the correspondence listed above, was read.

DELAYED PRICE ORDER :- Following a general discussion relating to the lengthy correspondence dealing with the issue of the latest Price Order, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that this Executive express to the Minister of Industries and Commerce, a most emphatic protest against the totally unwarranted delay which occurred in the issue of the latest Price Order for honey, which did not coincide with the production season, and stress the fact that through the delay, the increases granted had been almost entirely lost to producers."

ANNUAL REPORT :- The Secretary read the Report which he had prepared for the Conference and which set out the financial position of the Association and stressed the large decrease in the number of financial members of the past few years.

The Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st. May 1952 was also read.

In the discussion which followed, the Secretary drew attention to the fact that several Branch Secretaries had been more negligent than usual on this occasion in furnishing remittances to Head Office prior to the 31st. May.

In this connection also, the Secretary stated that the Executive would have to decide whether Branches were to receive the benefit of the voting strength associated with these late remittances. According to the Association's Rules, voting strength was to be fixed on the basis of subscriptions received by the General Secretary not later than the 31st. May. It appeared that Branch Secretaries

more  
 were becoming careless each year, and he felt that it was time that steps were taken to prevent the drift from developing still further. It was not possible to assess the true position of the Association's finances unless all remittances were received at the close of each year and it made the work at Head Office much more difficult if the Books could not be closed off and the Balance Sheet prepared, with voting strength worked out before the Books were sent away for Audit.

ADOPTION OF REPORT & BALANCE SHEET :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that the Balance Sheet and Annual Report for the year ended 31st. May 1952, be adopted."

The meeting adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

The meeting was resumed at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 8th. July.

VOTING OF BRANCHES :- This matter was again discussed at some length. The Secretary reported that he had previously discussed the question with Mr. Field, who was definitely opposed to granting Branches voting power which was not strictly in accordance with the Rules.

Members were divided in their opinions upon the subject, in view of the circumstances which had been explained in regard to the C.S. Hawkes Bay and South Auckland Branches.

The Secretary stated that although it had meant extra work, he had analysed the voting strength of the Branches and Direct Members affected, and the total number of votes in dispute was 197.

Finally it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Glass, "that in view of the extenuating circumstances and the satisfactory explanations given, this Executive decides to allow the Branches concerned to exercise their votes at the forthcoming Conference."

LIFE MEMBERS :- Contained in the correspondence previously read, were late applications for the appointment of Sir Wm. Jordan (Auckland Central) and Mr. Trownson (South Auckland) as Life Members of the Association, and the Secretary's replies thereto.

After considering the matter further, the following motion was proposed by Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "That having considered the applications for Life Membership on behalf of Messrs. Jordan and Trownson, this Executive is of the opinion that it cannot recommend their appointment to Conference."

The motion was carried.

MARKETING :- Remits dealing with Marketing were then considered and discussed until 11.45 a.m. when Mr. A.C. Bridle arrived for a general discussion.

Mr. Bridle left at 12.45 p.m. when the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m. when the discussion on remits was continued.

The question of the Association's finances were also discussed at some length in relation to the remits from Canterbury and South Auckland.

The proposal to increase members' subscriptions was not favoured by the General Secretary, who pointed out that the steady decrease in the number of financial members would surely be accelerated if the present rates were raised. He also pointed out that under the system of voluntary membership, many beekeepers who were not members were receiving all the benefits of the work of the Association in regard to prices and other important matters, without contributing one penny piece towards the costs involved. As an increase was to be sought in the Seals Levy, he suggested that the Industry Fund should contribute to the finances required by the Association for their work in dealing with Industry problems. By this means all beekeepers who were not members would contribute something towards the cost of the Association's work.

This suggestion was approved and it was unanimously agreed to amend the Executive's remit (No. 5) to give effect to the proposal.

Remit No. 5 was thereupon re-drafted to read as follows :-  
 "That in order to make returns to Suppliers to the Marketing Department comparable with the returns of Producer-packers, and in order to provide the National Beekeepers' Association with sufficient funds to adequately deal

with Industry problems, this Conference agrees to an increase in the Seals Levy of one half-penny per pound, provided that one twelfth of one penny of the revenue (up to a maximum of £1000) be payable to this Association annually. Further, that the incoming Executive be instructed to approach the Government with the request for a subsidy to be granted on all honey exported which returns a nett price below that obtainable on the local market."

It was further agreed to request Conference that this and other remits dealing with Marketing be decided upon the votes of Delegates.

This concluded the business of the meeting which terminated at 3.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATED. 7. 11. 52 .....

CHAIRMAN. E. D. Williams .....



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN  
THE EMPIRE HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 4TH., 5TH., 6TH., & 7TH.,  
NOVEMBER, 1952, COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON THE FORMER DATE.

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

Also in attendance on the 4th., 5th., and 6th. November, was Mr. J. McFadzien, Editor of "The N.Z. Beekeeper."

MINUTES of the Meeting held in Auckland on the 7th. and 8th. July 1952, copies of which had previously been furnished to members, were confirmed.

Referring to the Minutes, the Secretary asked that consideration be given to the question of allowing the Wellington Branch the refund of 10% on members' subscriptions remitted to Head Office on the grounds that the Branch was composed of hobbyists who were not concerned in matters of marketing, when in fact the Branch exercised its considerable vote on Conference remits dealing with important marketing matters.

After a brief debate it was moved by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Barber - "that the Wellington Branch, be advised that we agree to the continuance of the refund of 10% of the subscription levy, provided they refrain from voting on marketing matters."

It was then moved as an amendment by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Williams - "that we ask Mr. Ayson to call upon the Executive and endeavour to secure his co-operation in requesting his Branch to abstain for exercising its vote on matters relating to marketing."

In the general discussion which ensued, it was apparent that members felt that neither of the proposals suggested were entirely satisfactory, and for that reason the mover and seconder of both the amendment and of original motion decided to withdraw their motions and the discussion lapsed.

SYMPATHY - Mr. Field made reference to the recent passing of Mr. W.P. Carter, Secretary of the Wellington Branch and moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to his relatives.

The Secretary said that that had already been done, and he read the reply received from Mrs. Carter thanking the Executive for their message of condolence.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Penrose, - "that we endorse the action of the Secretary in forwarding a message of sympathy to Mrs. Carter upon the death of her husband."

AMENDMENTS TO RULES :- The Secretary reported that amendments to the Association's Rules as approved at the last Annual General Meeting, had been duly registered by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and were now effective.

Voting Procedure :- The Secretary asked for a direction as to the exact method to be adopted under the new rule 22 (a) governing the election of members to serve on the General Executive.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Penrose, - "that the General Secretary enquire from the Chief Electoral Officer of the Government as to the correct method to use in conducting the election of officers of the General Executive on a preferential system of voting."

CORRESPONDENCE was then read as follows :-

From Mr. Wallace Nelson re taxation, dated 14.7.52.

To " " " in reply, dated 15.7.52.

From " " " re taxation, dated 24.7.52.

To " " " in reply, dated 31.7.52.

To the Minister of Marketing re Honey Marketing Regulations and Honey Marketing Committee Regulations, dated 14.7.52.

From the Minister of Marketing in reply, dated 7.8.52.

To the Minister of Marketing re further Conference decisions, dated 28.7.52.

From the Minister of Marketing in reply, dated 11.8.52.

To the Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Ministry of Marketing, in reply to previous correspondence, dated 12.8.52.

QUANTITY AND PRICE OF HONEY FOR EXPORT :- In relation to these matters, the following correspondence was read :-

To Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee, dated 2.10.52.

From " " " " " 24.10.52.

To " " " " " 29.10.52.

INDUSTRY SUBSIDY :- Arising out of the general discussion relating to the above correspondence, it was moved by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Kirk, - "that the President be asked to prepare a case for submission to the Minister in favour of a subsidy on the seals levy paid by producers, where the nett returns to the Marketing Department on honey supplied, is less than the cost of production." The motion was carried.

The time being 1.5 p.m. the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m. when FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows :-

To the Minister of Agriculture re Conference decisions, dated 28.7.52.

From the Minister of Agriculture in reply, undated.

INSECTICIDES AND WEEDKILLERS :- Referring to this correspondence, Mr. Gumbrell reported upon the Weeds Conference held at Lincoln College, at which he was permitted to make a brief address upon the dangers of destroying bees through the indiscriminate use of sprays.

Mr. Gumbrell stated that he had also had discussions with Departmental Officers in Wellington and Christchurch, re the dangers

associated with the application to pastures of D.D.T. superphosphate, and he felt that some good had resulted from these discussions.

GRADING REGULATIONS :- Mr. Penrose instituted a discussion on this subject in relation to the Minister's reply to Conference requests. It was agreed however, that no action could be taken unless some new method of grading could be devised.

Mr. Williams referred to the loss of time to which the Honey Grader was subject in regard to his travelling between Auckland and the South Island. Following a discussion on the question, it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the General Secretary to discuss with the Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry, and to take whatever action he considered necessary.

GUARANTEED PRICE & SUBSIDY :- Correspondence on this subject was read as follows :-

From Mr. A. Mawhinney, dated 16.9.52.  
 To " " " in reply dated 7.10.52  
 From " " " dated 20.10.52.  
 From Waitomo Branch dated 14.10.52.

Mr. Mawhinney's comments were duly noted and it was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Field, - "that we advise the Waitomo Branch that their resolution dated 14.11.52 was placed before the Executive who considered the suggestion to be quite impracticable."

CORRESPONDENCE (CONTD).

To the Minister of Industries & Commerce re delayed Price Order,  
 dated 5.8.52.  
 From " " " " " " in reply dated 11.8.52.  
 From the Director of Price Control re Beeswax, dated 3.10.52.  
 To the Minister of Internal Affairs re Manuka Blight, dated 28.7.52.  
 From " " " " " in reply, dated 1.8.52.  
 From Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, re Food Hygiene Regulations  
 dated 8.8.52.  
 From West Coast Branch, re delay in initial payments on honey supplied,  
 dated 30.9.52.  
 From West Coast Branch, re spread taxation dated 30.9.52.  
 To " " " in reply dated 7.10.52.  
 From Honey Marketing Committee in reply to West Coast complaint dated  
 31.10.52.

Decided to send West Coast Branch a copy of the reply received from Honey Marketing Committee.

With reference to the taxation question it was decided to advise the Branch that the question of spreading taxation had been advocated by Federated Farmers for some time, but that there were many difficulties involved as the proposal affected several sections of taxpayers.

The time being 5.20 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

The meeting resumed at 10 a.m. on the 5th. November.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONTD).

From South Canterbury Branch re Traffic Offence Notice received by  
W. Watson and Co. dated 8.9.52.

To South Canterbury Branch in reply dated 24.9.52.

To Mr. E.J. Kirk re same dated 24.9.52.

From Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, copy of letter in reply to  
W. Watson and Co.

From Commissioner of Transport, dated 13.10.52.

To " " " in acknowledgement dated 15.10.52.

From Walworth Industries Ltd. re Rent of Apiary Sites dated 1.9.52.

(This matter was discussed at some length, it finally being agreed to reply to Walworth Industries stating that owing to the wide variation of rent procedure in different districts, the Executive, as a Dominion-wide organisation, could not take up the matter as requested, and to suggest that the question be submitted to the next Conference in the form of a remit).

From H. Bush, tendering resignation and complaining of lack of representation and difficulty in disposing of crop, dated 19.8.52.

(Decided to advise Mr. Bush that his complaint is being investigated).

From the Manager, Honey Section, re advertising, dated 28.8.52.

From Walworth Industries Ltd. re export of honey dated 5.9.52.

From Mr. J. McFadzien re enquiry for honey from U.S.A.

From Manager, Marketing Department Auckland to Mr. Williams, re correspondence from Walworths, dated 19.9.52.

(The discussion on this matter occupied some considerable time and it was finally held over for further discussion with the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee).

The time being 1.10 p.m. the meeting then adjourned for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m.

Mr. T.S. Winter, Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, waited upon the meeting and submitted the cost of production figures as revealed by the recent Dominion-wide survey conducted by the Extension Division of the Department of Agriculture. The actual cost figures were :-

Bulk (packed into 60lb. tins at apiary) 12.2d per pound i.e. 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Bulk (in tank) 10.7d per pound i.e. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Members considered that the results of the survey were very satisfactory in that they confirmed the existing costs schedule as recently submitted to the Price Tribunal by the Association.

There followed a general discussion with Mr. Winter on various topics, including apiary site rents, pollination etc.

Before leaving, Mr. Winter was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks in appreciation of his efforts to secure the results of the costs survey in time for the meeting.

EXPORT OF BREAKFAST SPREADS :- The Secretary reported that he had been approached by Walworth Industries Ltd. in September, in regard to restrictions being imposed through the Customs Department by the Marketing Department, concerning an application made by the Firm to export to Britain 100 tons of a manufactured breakfast spread containing not more than 25% of honey, the Department having indicated that the N.B.A. must be consulted before the necessary license could be issued. After consulting the President and Vice-President on the question, it was agreed that every assistance should be given to the Firm in its endeavour. In this regard the following correspondence was read :-  
To the Sundry Products Office of the Marketing Department, dated 19.9.52.  
From the Marketing Officer, Sundry Products Section, in reply dated 24.9.52  
From the Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry, enclosing copy of Honey - export Control Act 1924 and a copy of The Honey Board (Transfer of Powers) Order 1938, as requested.

Members agreed that undue restrictions had been placed in the way of Walworth Industries in this matter and expressed the opinion that every assistance should have been afforded the applicant Firm in view of the fact that the spread was to be marketed under an established trade name without any reference to New Zealand honey.

(A license was ultimately issued to the Firm after a considerable delay)

HONEY MARKETING REGULATION & INDUSTRY AGREEMENT :- A letter was read from the Acting Director of the Marketing Department dated 3.10.52, enclosing copies of the draft Honey Marketing Regulations 1952 and a draft of the proposed Agreement covering the Honey Industry Account. The Acting Director requested that the comments of the Executive be made known to the Department as soon as possible, in order that consideration be given to any points raised, before the final draft was submitted to the Government for approval.

Copies of the draft of these two documents having previously been supplied to members, a general discussion on the provisions of same was then entered into. As a number of points needed clarification, it was decided to invite Mr. Beard, the Sundry Products Officer of the Marketing Department, to explain them to the meeting.

The various clauses of the proposed combined Honey Marketing and Honey Marketing Committee Regulations were then considered, and the meeting adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 6th. November, when Mr. Beard was in attendance.

With regard to the proposed form of Agreement covering the Honey Industry (Pool) Account, members took exception to the linking of the Honey Marketing Committee and the N.B.A. as jointly representing the Industry, and pressed for an agreement joining the Minister and the Honey Marketing Committee (as his advisers) of the one part, and the Association (as representing the Industry) of the other part.

Mr. Beard reviewed the procedure of administration of the pool funds up to the present time and maintained the attitude that the Marketing Committee should represent the Industry.

Mr. Beard withdrew after he had been accorded a vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Penrose.

Subsequently the matter of the Agreement was further discussed at some length and finally it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, - "that we make the necessary amendments to the proposed Agreement, eliminating all references to the Honey Marketing Committee as representing the Industry."

It was thereupon decided that if the Minister insisted upon including the Marketing Committee as a party of the second part of the Agreement, that the Agreement be worded to read "The Minister" of the one part and "The Association" (representing the Industry) together with "The Committee" (representing the Central Marketing Organisation) of the other part.

It was also agreed that clause (1) of the draft Agreement be amended by deleting the words "the Committee and" before the words "the Association."

Also that clause (4) (b) be amended to read - "Such sum as in the opinion of the Committee is required annually for the purpose of making the returns received by suppliers of honey to the Department, up to the cost of production."

It was further agreed that an extra sub-clause should be added to Clause 4, making provision for the payments of funds to the N.B.A. as set out in the draft Honey Marketing Regulations.

At this stage, Messrs. Bridle, Beard and Nelson, representing the Honey Marketing Committee, waited upon the meeting for the purpose of discussing the Industry's request for representation by the Purchasers of Seals on the Committee, as provided for in Clause 17 (e) of the First Schedule of the draft Regulations.

Mr. Bridle intimated that the Committee were unanimously opposed to the insertion of this provision in the Regulations. Mr. Nelson said that on no account would they agree to Regulations containing the right of nomination to the Committee of non-suppliers to the Department.

The discussions were interrupted at that stage by the adjournment for lunch, the time being 1.15 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 2.15 p.m. when it was decided to fix the venue of the 1953 Conference.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, - "that the 1953 Conference be held in Wellington."

The question of accommodation for members of the Executive was also discussed, members in general agreeing that an existing hotel tariffs a change from the "Empire" was desirable.

A suggestion that members should consider the advisability of accepting lower standard accommodation was not favoured, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the General Secretary.

At 3.15 p.m. Messrs. Bridle, Beard and Nelson returned to the meeting and discussions on the various clauses of the Honey Marketing Regulations 1952, were resumed.

In this regard it was agreed as follows :-

That sub-clause (a) of Clause 4 of Part 2 be deleted.

That clause 24 (c) of Part 3 be amended to read "Any honey accepted by the Department for disposal on behalf of supplying producers."

That clause 24 (2) be amended by adding after the words "sold in New Zealand," the words "except that honey in the pool."

That provision be made to cover extra sizes of containers in the wording of clause 24 (2) 9c).

That the words "by wholesale" be deleted from Clause 25 sub-clause (a) and (b).

With regard to clause 26 (a) it was agreed that consideration be given to the insertion of an additional sub-clause giving producers the right to declare the quantities of containers on hand under a statutory declaration, and to pay the balance of the levy due at the same time.

That clause 28 (3) be amended by inserting the words "a wholesale supplier" before the words "a manufacturer."

That if the Industry Agreement is completed, that clause 34 (2) be deleted and made to form part of the said Agreement.

The Executive were not in agreement as to the provisions of clause 35 and wished to have this clause deleted entirely. After some discussion the Marketing Committee representatives agreed to remove the more objectionable features of the clause and to re-submit it for consideration by the Executive.

With regard to clause (5) of the First Schedule to the Regulations, it was agreed to amend the section to provide for voting qualifications based on an average of supply or purchase of seals over the two years immediately preceding an election.

It was further agreed that all amendments to be made to both the draft Regulations and the draft Agreement would be submitted to the Executive for confirmation.

The time being 6.20 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

The meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on the 7th. November, when the attitude of the Honey Marketing Committee towards the Industry's clearly expressed wish for representation by purchasers of seals on the Committee, was discussed at some length.

In view of the huge majority vote of the Conference on this issue, members considered that the Committee's efforts to veto the Industry's decision was entirely unwarranted, and that the arguments put forward by Mr. Nelson were based entirely upon supposition.

It was agreed that all of the proposed changes in the Regulations were linked together and that while the Industry had agreed to the stamping of seals on all containers at the point of manufacture, the lifting of restrictions on seals on all containers up to 10lb. weight, and the increase of 100% in the levy itself, the Marketing

Committee were not prepared to agree to the one concession sought by the Industry.

Members felt that the Industry's position should be made known to the Minister at the earliest opportunity, and arrangements were thereupon made for an interview with the Minister at 2.15 p.m.

MARKETING ENQUIRY :- The matter of making written submissions to the Caucus Committee of Enquiry into the affairs of the Marketing Department, its associate Boards and Committees, was then discussed, and it was decided that members should furnish all relevant data and suggestions for improved conditions to the President, who would prepare the case and forward it to the General Secretary for submission on behalf of the Industry.

Some of the points mentioned for inclusion in the case were :- The adequacy of handling facilities and capacity of plant at Auckland: The handling and sale of beeswax: The policy of the Central organisation in selling excess quantities on the local market in direct competition with producer-packers, instead of concentrating mainly on the export of surplus honey: Employment of Manager of Honey Section - the position should not be confined to members of the Public Service, but should be open to the best man available in the Dominion, who should be fully qualified for the position.

It was agreed that a copy of the submissions to the Caucus Committee should be supplied to each member of the Executive.

GENERAL :- Mr. Penrose questioned the validity of the Minutes of the last meeting as confirmed earlier. He pointed out that he was not present at the meeting in Auckland, but he noted, in reference to the Executive's Remit No. 5, that there was no mover or seconder to the proposal to amend the remit as originally drafted.

The Secretary pointed out that the matter was adequately covered in the Minutes by reference to the relevant discussion on the subject, and the recording of the fact "that the suggestion was approved and it was unanimously agreed to amend the Executive's remit No. 5 to give effect to the proposal."

Mr. Penrose said he also wished to protest against the Secretary's action in supplying the Minister with information as to how a particular Branch voted at Conference on the question of the Seals Levy. If the vote by ballot was to be a secret vote as the Secretary maintained, he wished to know who instructed the Secretary to divulge the information to the Minister.

The Secretary said that he had not received any instructions whatever regarding the matter, but had acted upon his own volition in considering it important that the Minister should, as he had requested, be fully informed of the position in regard to the voting on matters affecting marketing.



Members generally agreed that the Secretary was justified, in view of what took place at the Conference, in advising the Minister of the actual facts of the matter.

Mr. Penrose thereupon moved - "that any information required be given to the Minister in full, providing that the secrecy of the ballot at Conference be maintained."

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

The Secretary stated that in view of the fact that Mr. Penrose had taken such strong objection to his actions, he would, under similar circumstances in future, leave out the actual name of the Branch when giving information to the Minister on the results of a ballot.

CENTRAL OTAGO BEEKEEPERS:- Mr. Gumbrell said that he had been approached by Mr. Bennie, regarding the position of Beekeepers who had previously been members of the Central Otago Branch, which had now been wound up, and who wished to again become members of the Association.

The Secretary said that at the time the Branch went out of existence, the members were advised to retain their membership by paying their subscriptions direct to Head Office. Quite a number of Beekeepers in the area had adopted the suggestion and were now direct members.

Mr. Gumbrell stated that he would advise Mr. Bennie of the position.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.10 p.m.

VISIT TO MINISTER :- At 2.15 p.m. members waited upon the Hon. K.J. Holyoake M.P., Minister of Marketing, with whom were associated Mr. S.W. Smith M.P., (Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister) and Mr. K.B. Longmore, Acting Director of Marketing.

Mr. Williams made known to the Minister the purposes of the visit, and informed him that the Executive could not agree to the increase in the Seals Levy unless the Industry's request for the right of producer seals purchasers to nomination to the Marketing Committee, were given effect to.

The Minister and his Under-Secretary asked a number of questions, and the unfortunate effect upon the Industry through the decision of the Marketing Committee, if accepted by the Minister, was mentioned by Mr. Williams.

The Minister said he would have to discuss the matter with his advisers and would make known his decision on the subject as soon as possible.

Members returned to the Empire Hotel and the meeting was resumed at 3.30 p.m.

A general discussion upon the implications of the matter in dispute then took place, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, - "that if, upon receipt of the Minister's letter in reply to our representations on the question of Honey Marketing Committee elections, a solution to the problem appears

possible, the President, Vice-President and General Secretary confer and submit their findings to other members of the Executive for confirmation."

The time being 4.30 p.m., the meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair, proposed by Mr. Kirk.

CONFIRMED.

DATE. 24/2/53.

CHAIRMAN. E. D. Williams.