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To the Editor.

Sir,—Fortunately a friend posted me a copy of the Times, 10th inst., containing a letter from the pen of Mr R. Gibb.

He says "all are out of step but our Jock," but I require proof of this statement before I believe anything he says. I would like to ask him if, to prove his statement, he is willing to allow every registered beekeeper in New Zealand to vote for or against the Government Honey Control Board. Has he any objection to a number of beekeepers asking that the Government Auditor should be instructed by the Minister of Agriculture to report on the operations of the Honey Control Board in relation to the business of the Honey Producers' Association?

He admits the chairman of the Control Board is also manager of the H.P.A. and that Mr Butland is the Government nominee on the Control Board. Will he also admit, if it is true, that Mr Butland is sole distributor or a distributor of Imperial Bee Honey as reported? Was it the Control Board or the H.P.A. that asked the Minister of Agriculture to appoint Mr Butland as Government nominee on the Control Board? Why was a man not appointed whose interest was not subservient to the dictates of the H.P.A.? A vast number of beekeepers are dissatisfied with the management of the Control Board, because it is run by the H.P.A. and the Government nominee does not represent those men outside the shareholders in the H.P.A.

I am sorry to see an attempt being made to deny that the H.P.A. is backing the local Marketing Board Bill. This Bill was introduced by Mr Jordan (Manakau) at one time packer for the H.P.A. in Auckland. I find that my statement was correct that the board failed to export any honey during two seasons even though last year it exported 50 tons. He says last year our sales increased by 100 per cent, but that shows that the previous year the sales must have been poor, perhaps accounted for by some of the rejected, blended honey on the Canterbury market.

He also states that Mortons paid A. J. Mills the sum of £106,835. I am sorry for Mortons, but would like some proof for this statement first. I would advise Mr Gibb to study his balance sheets and compare them with Stewart and Beckett's re-

port and I hope one day he will be not a
sadder but a wiser man.—I am, etc.,

JOHN MURDOCH.