

“IMPERIAL BEE”

ONLY FOOD FOR TEN DAYS

HIMALAYAN CLIMBERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, September 4.

An interesting letter has been received by the representative in London of the New Zealand Honey Producers' Board. This is from Dr Irvin Baird and Madam Crossley-Batt, of the British Himalayan Expedition, and is dated June 30 at the camp at Sikkim. They say:—

“Just a line to let you know that we are returning to our base after having successfully completed our research in this part of the mighty Himalayas.

“Naturally our task has not been an easy one, for with the approach of the much-dreaded monsoon, leaving in its wake terrific landslides, our progress was at first somewhat slow. However, we were amply rewarded for our effort, after we had got well above the snowline, 18,000ft.

“Perhaps it would be interesting to you to know that we lived for some 10 days solely on New Zealand ‘Imperial Bee’ honey, as our transport had been raided. Luckily enough they missed seven jars of honey, which were carefully packed away in a haversack.

“We both wish to extend to you our sincere appreciation for your valuable contribution to our expedition.”

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