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Organization for the advancement of the Beekeeping Industry in New Zealand.



Auckland CENTRAL BRANCH

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To the Hon. C.E. MacMillan,
Minister of Agriculture

Director-General of Agriculture. Referred for draft reply.
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<i>Chf.</i>

Sir,

I have the honour to convey to you the text of a resolution passed at a meeting of the above Branch held in Auckland, on Monday, 27th March last. The resolution is in the following terms.

"That the Government be urged to make a substantial grant to the industry in order to safeguard the late Honey Producers' Associations' registered Trade Mark "Imperial Bee Honey" brand and to save those involved from severe hardship and even loss of their means of making a living due to the liquidation of the Association combined with the collapse of the Local Market."

In submitting this for your own and, I hope, the Government's consideration, I would like to stress that the failure of the Association was due not to mismanagement or a reckless policy, but to the double coincidences of two successive years of heavy honey production resulting in big jumps in quantity of honey exported, and subsequent piling up of stocks unsold

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in London, just at the time when the trade depression began to assume serious proportions. Further factors were an exceptional freeze-up of shipping in the Baltic and Scandinavian countries, and, latterly heavy adverse tariff changes against New Zealand Honey by Germany.

Producers involved in the liquidation of the Association are now faced with demands for payment of uncalled capital and for 10% on recourse, for past "overpayments" aggregating in quite a number of instances sums involving several hundreds of pounds.

I remain

yours faithfully

J. B. Ballantyne
(Hon. Secy.)