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Department of Agriculture.

Private Bag,  
DUNEDIN, C.1,  
12th November, 1937.

The Director,  
Horticulture Division,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Private Bag,  
WELLINGTON, C.1.

Further to my memorandum to you, dated 30th. September in reference to the correspondence received from W. Ballantine, Waikaka Valley, in regard to the importation of Australian Honey.

I inspected this apiary on October 13th. which consisted of 63 colonies of bees. No trace of disease was found in any hive.

The tin of molasses purchased by Mr. Ballantine, had a label on, bearing the following -

"The Producers Co-operative Distributing  
Society Ltd., Sydney.  
Pure Australian Honey.  
Amber 58 lbs. Net.

Portions of honey could be seen on the inside of the top of the tin and round the bottom angles of the inside of tin.

*S. Robinson*

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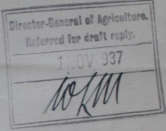
**NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Z.**

*An organisation for the advancement of the Beekeeping Industry in New Zealand*

General Secretary: J. R. P. MADOC

8 Cameron St.  
47 Grey Road, TIMARU, N.Z.

October 28th, 1937.



Hon. W. Lee Martin,  
Minister of Agriculture,  
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing for your perusal a copy of an extract from a letter that I have received from the Gore Branch of the above Association.

It will be readily realised that there is a fair chance of disease being spread through bees robbing the honey from such tins after they have been discarded and thrown onto rubbish tips, etc.

As there is a duty charged on Australian honey imported into New Zealand it should not be a difficult matter for your Department to trace these tins to the importers and I would respectfully suggest that your Department could notify all importers of honey, of the dangers of disease being spread in the manner suggested in the inclosed copy.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you on behalf of the Executive of the above Association, for the arrangements that have been made for beekeepers to obtain loans from the Government for the purpose of buying sugar for feeding bees.

Director,  
Conservation Division,

Yours faithfully,

For draft reply, please  
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Director-General  
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J. R. P. Madoc  
SECRETARY.

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