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plete as could be desired. May such a happy state of affairs long continue!

Beekeepers naturally feel that a Government which has in this way given strength, and provided with long-range planning for the orderly and prosperous development of their industry, the needs of which have been almost wholly ignored by past Governments, is deserving of warm sympathy, even though it cannot claim support for the whole of its policy and doings. This, at any rate, is my own feeling, and I do not think anyone who has followed my viewpoint as expressed in past correspondence will label me as a partisan supporter of the Labour Government. Thankful as I am for benefit received, I still feel free to criticise the Labour Party or any other party or politician, and there is plenty to criticise in them all.—I am, etc.,

R. E. HANSEN

Orini, July 16.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In Friday's issue of the Times there were a report of a beekeeper's meeting held recently, at which Mr W. Nelson, chairman of the Honey Control Board, and also a successful commercial apiarist, addressed the gathering and spoke in highly favourable terms of the marketing and other arrangements put into effect, and intended to be effected, by the honey section of the Internal Marketing Department, with active Government sympathy and assistance. I was present at the meeting and, as one who had in recent years assisted in some small measure to promote development of the industry in the direction which has at last been accepted and wholeheartedly acted upon by the Marketing Department, I desire to identify my opinion and sentiment in regard to these practical and business-like arrangements with that expressed by Mr Nelson, as reported by you.

Also, I think this would hold good with little reservation of every honey producer present at the meeting. Already results obtained speak for themselves. No high-handed action by the Government has been taken, but rather has the Government relied on the co-operation and support of the beekeepers themselves, and the contact with producer interests has been as com-

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