

Director's Office 53/6/4

P.O. Box 3004, -----

For your information

19th September, 1941.

Dear Sir:

Mr. A. Carruthers,
P.O. Box 28,
ROTORUA.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 13th instant addressed to the Department of Agriculture, with letter received from the Collector of Customs, Auckland attached, has been referred to me for attention.

The position in regard to the importation of bees has been under consideration for some time, owing to an outbreak of brood troubles of unknown aetiology which occurred in New Zealand in 1939, and again in a milder form last season.

Although investigating officers of this Department have been unable to define the cause of the trouble, and it is not possible at this stage to say whether or not it was directly associated with importations, it has been decided as a precautionary measure for the protection of the beekeeping industry in New Zealand to disallow any further importations of queens and bees until the position has been cleared up in a satisfactory manner. The National Beekeepers' Assn. of N.Z. has also made representation (May 23rd, 1940) to the Government in connection with the same matter, urging that immediate steps be taken to prohibit the importation of queen bees and to investigate the incidence of the disease and take steps to control the trouble.

The stopping of importations in this manner will not inconvenience beekeepers who may require to purchase queen bees either for domestic or commercial purposes, as adequate supplies are available from reliable beekeepers in New Zealand, including the following persons, who regularly advertise the sale of bees and queens, -

- P.A. Hillary, 730 Remuera Road, Auckland, S.E.2.
- H.R. Penny, Okaiawa, Hawera.
- G.A. Greig, Richmond, Nelson.
- W. Jennings, 17 White Street, Timaru.
- G. Rout, Stewart
- H. Heriot

Letter received by you from the Collector of Customs, Auckland, is returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

W. K. DALLAS

Director of the Horticulture Division.

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