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CAUCASIAN BEES

1. THE APIARY INSTRUCTOR, GORE, REPORTS THAT HERRON BROTHERS OF BALFOUR HAVE ASKED HIM TO LOOK INTO THE RUMOUR THAT A MR MCLEOD A BEEKEEPER AT MACDONALDS (NEAR TE ANAU) HAS OBTAINED ONE HIVE FROM CANTERBURY WHICH THEY SUSPECT MAY BE DESCENDED FROM A CAUCASIAN QUEEN. HERRON BROTHERS SAY THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ACARINE DISEASE BEING INTRODUCED.
2. MR HOBBS ASKED MR GRIFFIN, BUT MR GRIFFIN HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS.
3. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS ONLY A RUMOUR. MR HOBBS WILL HAVE A LOOK AT THE HIVE BEFORE CONFERENCE AND DO WHAT HE CAN TO CHECK ON THE RUMOUR. MR HOBBS SAYS THAT EVEN IF CAUCASIAN BEES WERE PRESENT THEY COULD HAVE COME FROM WOODS BROTHERS, RANGIORA, IN THE FIRST PLACE. HOWEVER YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THIS RUMOUR BEFORE CONFERENCE.

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You would be in a better position to advise if assistance has been given to other industries.

regulations to require the destruction of the bees. This was after consultation with Mr. Palmer (to be recalled as Apiaries Inspector) when Mr. Palmer advised that the Department does not equate to such destruction.

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**Director, Animal Health Division**

If this is not sufficient legal advice from the Office of the Apiaries Regulations, legal advice from the Office may suggest a prosecution under the Plant Quarantine Regulations.

It is intolerable that potentially dangerous bees held in captivity until such time as an Apiary Inspector is able to destroy them with his own hands. The legislation is not sufficient. No doubt of the Apiaries Regulations as far as the Apiaries Inspector. It is suggested that the Apiary Instructor should be held with a view to a possible prosecution of the Apiary Instructor.

*Russ*

*Please see Russ 2/6/65*