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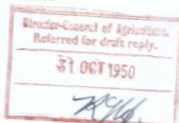
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Minister of Agriculture,
Parliament Buildings,
WELLINGTON.



Dear Sir,

APIARIES ACT 1927 - GROSSLY NEGLECTED APIARIES.

With further reference to the resolution passed at the Annual Dominion Conference and your letter in reply dated the 3rd August, I have to advise you that this question was again discussed by the Dominion Executive at the meeting held this month.

It has been ascertained that the views of the Departmental Officers in respect of Section 9, Sub-section C of the Act, is that authority exists for the destruction of only that part or parts of an apiary which are found to be actually diseased or infected and that there is no power under this particular section for an Inspector to destroy the whole apiary, even though it is grossly neglected.

In view of this, it would appear as though a suitable amendment to the Act is required and this is what was requested in the resolution passed at the Conference.

A typical case of a grossly neglected apiary is reported from South Canterbury. In this instance, the owner of the apiary is reported to have neglected it to such an extent that the place where the hives are located is completely overgrown with grove and scrub and it is apparent that the apiary has not been worked for some years.

Such an apiary is a decided menace to other Beekeepers in the District, as naturally it is an ideal place for the growth and spread of disease.

Director,
Agriculture Division.

Yours faithfully,

For draft reply, please.

E. J. FASSETT,
Director-General,
per *E. J. F.*

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