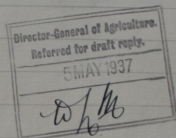




Tai Tapu
Canterbury
3/4/37

Hon. Sec Martin
Minister for Agriculture
Wellington



Dear Sir

I have been informed that the N.Z. Honey
Control Board is importing honey from Australia,
1200 cases having already arrived and a further 1000
cases on the way.

I think you will readily understand that the above
board was not appointed to be a buyer of honey
to compete with the N.Z. article on both the local and
export trade which is the board's intention.

It is evident the board is exceeding their powers
and I trust you will look into this buying of honey
outside N.Z. by the Control Board and have it
rectified.

yours faithfully
J. Pearson

dealt with

MEB: 54/3/10.

14 MAY 1937

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in which you raise the question of the validity of the Board's action in purchasing Australian honey.

This matter has been given careful consideration by Cabinet, and it is agreed that it is necessary in the interests of the operation of the N.Z. Honey Control Board that orders which their agent has accepted for low-grade honey should be filled. These orders are from manufacturing concerns which require a blended low-grade quality product, and action has been taken to ensure that the honey supplied this year will be suitably described as an Australian and New Zealand blend. The Board has not imported honey for the purpose of sale in New Zealand, but N.Z. Honey, Ltd., has imported a certain amount of Australian honey for this purpose. I understand that this action became necessary to safeguard the stability of the New Zealand Company, and to enable it to retail honey in New Zealand at a price which is reasonable to the consumer.

Yours faithfully,

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Minister of Agriculture.

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