

HONEY BOARD CONTROL

TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—I must thank you for publishing my letter, together with the reply from Mr J. R. Butland, chairman of the Honey Control Board. Seeing that the board was prevented from pursuing its unconstitutional actions, Mr Butland's reply was correct in a literal sense, but the effect remains the same. I have it from the chairman of New Zealand Honey, Ltd., that this organisation took over from the board some 30 tons of Australian honey, and more was to follow. I also have it in writing from a member of the Control Board that it was a fact that the board had bought Australian honey and that it had bought 100 tons for the secondary pack in England. The Aorangi's manifest for April 19 shows two consignments of honey from Sydney, each of 600 cases, one for the board and one for a mercantile firm in Auckland. The board's consignment went to New Zealand Honey, Ltd., notwithstanding Mr Butland's statement that the board had not imported into, nor sold to anyone in New Zealand, a single pound. What the producers want to know now is whether the 600 cases imported by the mercantile firm are now on their way to C. and E. Morton's, of London, the board's agents? I think that Mr Butland will now prefer to remain silent rather than attempt to reconcile the facts with his previous statement.

As Mr Butland questions my standing as an exporter, I may say that I have exported almost every year since 1911 and my name is on the last electoral roll of voters for the Control Board, all of whom must be exporters. Further, I have a first-hand acquaintance with marketing conditions respecting honey in Australia, England, Canada, and the States.

I am determined to have the whole matter properly investigated at the forthcoming conference in Wellington, and I would urge all producers whose livelihood depends on honey production to make a point of being there to register their protest.—I am, etc.,

W. B. Bray.

Leeston, June 8.

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