## HONEY BOUGHT IN AUSTRALIA

### MINISTER'S STATEMENT

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shortage of honey in the Dominion and that the London contracts had to be filled," said the Minister for Agriculture (the Hon. W. Lee Martin) in a telephone interview last evening, when asked whether the Government was aware that the Australian honey was being bought for export to England and whether this practice had its approval. These points were raised in a leading article in "The Press" on Friday.

"The purchases were made by Honey, Ltd., with the approval of the Honey Control Board," said the Minister, "and so far we have not interfered. But we stipulated that it should not be sold in England as New Zealand honey. The amount purchased was 100 tons."

The Minister said that the purchase had been made in Australia because it was the best market for buying. If there was any shortage in the future it would be made up with honey purchased in London.

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