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Department of Agriculture,
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Dear Sir.

Honey Export Control Act 1924. Board's purchase of Australian Honey.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th. inst., having reference to the above matter. The following are the particulars asked for by you in the order of your request:-

- (1) The total quantity of honey purchased in Australia was 100 tons.
- (2) The price paid for the honey so purchased was 34d. N.Z.currency, per lb. C.i.f. New Zealand. This was the exact price for the first shipment of 597 cases. On the second shipment of 470 cases there was an additional charge of 10d. per case to provide for extra packing. The balance of the 100 tons is being shipped direct from Sydney, price being the contract price of 34d. less the freight and insurance included in this price between Australia and New Zealand, plus 10d. per case for extra packing, with an additional charge of 6d. per case for the addition of "starter" to granulate the honey.
- (3) Only a portion of the honey has been received in London; is now in the process of disposal as outlined No. 4.
- (4) The price realised is not yet ascertainable, but the honey was bought particularly for the purpose of blending to fulfil contracts for honey for menufacturing purposes, the lowest contract price being 40/- per cwt. sterling (N.Z.currency 49/9½d.). Also for the blending with low grade New Zealand honeys to carry on a pack known as Moore's Empire Honey, which is returning the Board on 6-0z. pack 4.86d. per lb. sterling (N.Z.currency 6.05d.)
 1-lb. " 4.32d. " " " 5.38d.)
- (5) The direction in which the profits from the sale of such honey is to be applied has not yet been determined by the Board, but I am of opinion that the Board will consider the matter under

three headings :-

- (1) To augment the payment to producers
- In reduction of the Board's loan from the Government
- (3) In the further development of advertising of the Board's "Imperial Bee" brand.

Yours faithfully, N.Z.HONEY CONTROL BOAD.

Chairman.

JRB/ECM.