

Hon. Mr. McNab.

APIARIES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to encourage and protect the Bee Industry in New Zealand. Title

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Apiaries Act, 1907. Short Title.
- 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
 - “Apiary” means any place where bees are kept :
 - 10 “Bee-keeper” means any person who keeps bees or allows the same to be kept upon any land occupied by him :
 - 15 “Disease” means foul brood (*Bacillus alvei* and *Bacillus larva*), bee-moths (*Galleria mellonella* and *Achrœa grizzella*), and any other diseases or pests from time to time declared by the Governor in Council to be diseases within the meaning of this Act :
 - “Frame hive” means a hive containing movable frames in which the combs are built, and which may be readily removed from the hive for examination :
 - 20 “Inspector” means any person appointed by the Governor as an Inspector under this Act.
- 3. Every bee-keeper in whose apiary any disease appears shall, within seven days after first becoming aware of its presence, send written notice thereof to the Secretary for Agriculture, at Wellington. Bee-keeper to give notice of disease.
- 25 4. The Governor may from time to time appoint such Inspectors and other officers, with such powers and functions, as he deems necessary in order to carry out the provisions of this Act. Inspectors.

Powers of
Inspectors.

5. Any Inspector may enter upon any premises or buildings for the purpose of examining any bees, hives, or bee appliances, and if the same are found to be infected with disease he shall direct the bee-keeper to forthwith take such measures as may be necessary to cure the disease or prevent its spread; or, if in the opinion of the Inspector the disease is too fully developed to be cured, he may direct the bee-keeper within a specified time to destroy by fire the bees, hives, and appliances so infected, or such portions thereof as the Inspector deems necessary. 5

Removal of bees to
new hives.

6. In any case in which it is found by an Inspector that the bee-combs in any hive cannot, without cutting, be separately and readily removed from the hive for examination, he may direct the bee-keeper to transfer the bees to a new hive within a specified time. 10

Inspector's
directions to be
obeyed.

7. (1.) Every direction by an Inspector shall be in writing under his hand, and shall be either delivered to the bee-keeper personally or sent to him by letter addressed to him at his last known place of abode. 15

(2.) Every such direction shall be faithfully complied with by the bee-keeper to whom it is addressed, and, in default of compliance within the time specified, the Inspector may destroy or cause to be destroyed by fire, at the expense of the bee-keeper, any bees, hives, and appliances found to be infected with disease. 20

Infected bees, &c.,
not to be kept
or sold.

8. No bee-keeper shall—

(a.) Keep or allow to be kept upon any land occupied by him any bees, bee-combs, hives, or appliances infected by disease without immediately taking the proper steps to cure the disease; or 25

(b.) Sell, barter, or give away any bees or honey or appliances from an apiary infected by disease.

Frame hives to be
used.

9. No bee-keeper shall, after the expiry of *six* months from the passing of this Act, keep or allow to be kept on any land occupied by him any bees except in a properly constructed frame hive. 30

Offences.

10. Every person is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds who—

(a.) Obstructs an Inspector in the exercise of his duties under this Act, or refuses to permit the destruction of infected bees and appliances: 35

(b.) Fails to comply with any direction given under the provisions of this Act by any Inspector:

(c.) Commits any other breach of this Act. 40

No compensation.

11. No person shall be entitled to compensation for anything lawfully done under this Act.

Governor may
declare certain
diseases to be
within this Act.

12. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, declare any disease or pest affecting bees or apiaries (other than those mentioned in section *two* hereof) to be a disease within the meaning of this Act. 45

Repeal.

13. The Apiaries Act, 1906, is hereby repealed, and all appointments made under that Act shall be deemed to have been made under this Act.