

## ITALIAN BEES AND QUEENS OBTAINABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT APIARY, WAERENGA.

A QUEEN-REARING apiary is established at the Department's Waerenga Experimental Farm, Auckland, from which Italian queens and bees, bred and reared under the very best conditions, may be purchased. The Waerenga Apiary is an ideal site for the purpose, being some five or six miles from the nearest natural habitat for bees, and the whole property is entirely free from disease.

### PRICES.

ITALIAN QUEENS.			s.	d.
Tested for purity of mating, each	..	..	10	0
Tested and specially selected, each	..	..	15	0
Tested and specially selected for queen-breeding, each	..	..	25	0

(No untested queens will be sold.)

### COLONIES OF BEES WITHOUT QUEENS.

Two-frame nucleus colony, each	..	..	10	0
Three-frame nucleus colony, each	..	..	12	6
Four-frame nucleus colony, each	..	..	15	0
Full colony, on ten frames	..	..	30	0

To the above prices must be added the price of the queen required.

Orders for two-frame colonies must be for two or more, so that they can be battened together to prevent them from being laid on their sides.

### CONDITIONS OF SALE.

As a rule, queens bred during any season cannot be fully tested before about the end of November, a little earlier or later according to the season, but all orders received will be executed in rotation as rapidly as possible after the queens and bees are ready.

Colonies of bees will be sent on the regular Root-Hoffman Langstroth frames, in specially prepared well-ventilated boxes made for the purpose. Hives into which the frames and bees should be transferred on arrival had better be in readiness.

Queens will be sent free by post. The carrying-charges on colonies of bees must, however, be borne by the purchaser. In the absence of any other instructions they will be sent through a carrying company. The charges will be collected on delivery. The Department will place the bees free on the train at Wairangi.

Every care will be taken to insure safe transit, but no responsibility will be accepted after queens or bees are despatched.

Full postal and telegraphic address, and instructions, if any, should be sent with the order.

Orders must be accompanied by the proper remittance, and should be addressed to "The Manager, Waerenga Experimental Farm, per private bag, Auckland."

Cheques and money-orders should be made payable to "The Receiver, Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists," and not to any individual by name.

Cheques must have exchange added.

A leaflet containing further information may be had on application to the Department.