

## SHIPMENT OF BANANAS

From Norfolk Island.

CANBERRA, Tuesday.

A wireless message from the Administrator of Norfolk Island to the Federal Ministry, appealing for an enlargement of his powers led to-day to the hurried drafting of an ordinance and its publication in a special issue 1 of the Commonwealth Gazette. The ordinance empowers the Administrator to prohibit the exportation of bananas from Norfolk Island without a written permit.

The export of bananas from Norfolk Island to New Zealand is restricted to 1500 cases every six weeks. An enterprising trader, having chartered a steamer for the purpose, attempted to-day to ship from the island 1500 cases of bananas produced by one or two growers only, thus debarring other growers from shipping any of their fruit. An appeal was made to the Administrator, who then sought the help of the Federal Government to give him power to enforce an equitable distribution of the trade among the growers.