

(1.) DENNISTON COAL-MINERS.

Before the Board of Conciliation, in the Westland Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Westport Coal Company (Limited) and the Denniston Coal-miners' Industrial Union of Workers, and of a reference thereof for settlement.

The said Board of Conciliation have the honour to report that they have been unable to bring about any settlement of the above-mentioned dispute satisfactorily to the parties thereto, and have decided the questions disputed as follows:—

Reference No. 1.—Tonnage rate in solid workings :

Resolved, That the evidence adduced at this inquiry justifies the Board in raising the hewing-rate to 2s. 6d. per ton.

Reference No. 9.—Wages of miners who are taken from their place :

Resolved, That the wages of miners taken from the face be paid the current rate of earnings at that face for that fortnight.

Reference No. 11.—Unclaimed boxes :

Resolved, That the unclaimed boxes go to the Accident Fund.

Reference No. 16.—Stone in coal and on top of coal :

Resolved, That the Board recommend a scale of prices for stone- and rubbish-work in place of consideration money.

References Nos. 3, 4, 6, 12, 14 :

Resolved, That so long as there are sufficient capable men at Denniston out of work the company shall employ these, if capable, and the prices satisfactory, before employing outsiders.

References Nos. 2, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20 were withdrawn, being agreed to between the parties.

References Nos. 5 and 17.—The Board came to no conclusion upon these questions.

Dated at Westport this 30th day of May, 1896.

By the Board of Conciliation for the Westland Industrial District.

D. MACFARLANE, Chairman.

The Clerk of Awards, Westland Industrial District, Hokitika.