

(2.) MOKOHINUI COAL-MINERS.

In the matter of the Westport Cardiff Coal Company and the Mokohinui Coal-miners' Industrial Union of Workers.

SIR,— Westport, 30th May, 1896.

I have the honour to report that the Conciliation Board effected a settlement in this matter, in accordance with the conditions attached.

I have, &c.,

D. MACFARLANE, Chairman.

The Clerk of Awards, Westland Industrial District.

In the matter of the Westport Cardiff Coal Company and the Mokohinui Coal-mining Industrial Union of Workers.

Conditions of agreement entered into by the parties to the dispute before the Westland Conciliation Board at a meeting held at Corby's Hotel, Mokohinui, on 27th May, 1896.

Reference No. 1.—4d. per ton advance on present hewing rates :

Agreed, To leave the question of hewage-rate until the Board had taken evidence at Denniston, and it was mutually understood that if the rate was risen at Denniston an equal rise should be made here. Agreement to be for twelve months. [In accordance with this agreement the Board, having raised the Denniston rate to 2s. 6d., raised the rate here to 2s. 3d.]

Reference No. 2.—Pillars, tops, and bottoms :

Agreed, To cavil for pillars and tops. The manager to have the right to object to any incompetent men.

Reference No. 3.—Laying roads :

Agreed, That the laying of roads in working-places is a part of the company's work.

Reference No. 4.—Trucking :

Agreed, That maximum distance of trucking be one chain, and one jig not to exceed two chains in length.

Reference No. 5.—Water-taps and standing :

Agreed, That the company shall take standing water away, and the men in wet places be permitted to work six instead of eight hours a day if they choose.

Reference No. 6.—Timbering :

Agreed, The company undertake to put up heavy timbering ; light timbering to be paid for at existing rates.

Reference No. 7.—Cavilling :

Agreed, To remain as it is.

Reference No. 8.—Check-money to be deducted by office :

Agreed, To strike out this question.

Reference No. 9.—Tip-ups and unclaimed boxes :

Agreed, That men shall receive average weight for tip-ups. That unclaimed boxes be dealt with as heretofore.

Reference No. 10.—Tamping :

Agreed, To remain as it is.

Reference No. 11.—Rates for truckers :

Agreed, That 8s. per day be the rate of pay for truckers.

Reference No. 12.—Day's wage of miners taken from face to casual work :

Agreed, That the wage of miners taken from the face for casual work shall be 10s. per day.

Reference No. 13.—Sharing work :

Agreed to mutually.

Reference No. 14.—Household coal :

Agreed to mutually.

Reference No. 15.—Eight hours system :

Agreed to withdraw.

Reference No. 16.—Reinstatement of discharged workers :

Agreed, That in case of reduction of hands, residents of district, being competent miners, shall have the preference.

Reference added.—Narrow work :

Agreed, That the prices for narrow work be as under : 2s. 6d. for single shift ; 3s. for double shift ; and 4s. for third shift.

Recommendation of the Board : That a committee of three persons be appointed by the Union of Workers to confer with the management upon matters of dispute.

CHAS. WRIGHT, Clerk to Board.