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(6E.) INANGAHUA GOLD-MINERS.

Before the Board of Conciliation, in the Westland Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between Andrew McKay, Esq., contractor, Globe Race-works, and the Inangahua Miners' Industrial Union of Workers, and of a reference thereof for settlement.

The Board of Conciliation have the honour to report that they have been unable to bring about any settlement of the above-mentioned dispute satisfactory to the parties thereto; and, after careful consideration upon the questions submitted to them, the following recommendations are made:—

That the rate of wages be as follows: Pick-and-shovel men, wages to be 8s. 6d. per day; bushmen, wages to be 9s. per day; blacksmiths, wages to be 11s. 8d. to 13s. 4d. per day.

Residents of the district, if competent, to have preference in employment.

Dated at Reefton this 17th day of July, 1897.

On behalf of the Board of Conciliation,

D. MACFARLANE, Chairman.

To the Clerk of Awards, Westland Industrial District.

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The above recommendations were unanimously agreed upon by the Board.