

(3.) AUCKLAND SEAMEN.

Before the Board of Conciliation, in the Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Auckland branch of the Federated Seamen's Union of New Zealand and the Northern Steamship Company, A. McGregor, Captain Shaw, Messrs. Leyland and O'Brien, Captain Braidwood; and Messrs. Hare Brothers, Mr. Subritzky, Captain Martin, Captain Skinner, Mr. J Darrach, and the Devonport Steam Ferry Company, who were joined as parties to the dispute on application and with the consent of the Board, and of a reference thereof for settlement.

The Board unanimously recommends that the following be added to its former recommendations, viz:—

1. That so long as the Devonport Steam Ferry Company continues to pay the same rate of wages on the "Admiral" as at present (viz., £10 16s. 8d. per month) the other recommendations shall not apply to them.

2. That on vessels partially propelled by oil-engines the minimum rate of wages shall be: Able seamen, £6 per month; ordinary seamen, £4 per month. On these vessels no overtime shall be paid.

3. That while Captains Skinner and Martin continue to pay the same rate of wages as at present—viz., able seamen £5 per month and 1s. per boat-load boat-money, ordinary seamen £3 per month and 6d. per boat-load boat-money—the other recommendations of the Board shall not apply to them.

4. That, as the "Medora," owned by Mr. Subritzky and others, is worked on co-operative principles, the recommendations of the Board only apply to it when seamen are employed on wages.

5. That the above-named firms and the union shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement: Provided that, if any other person or firm trading with steamers to any port served by the above-named owners, in conducting their business, shall not conform to such terms and conditions, or in the case of auxiliary vessels, or vessels propelled otherwise than by sails, being employed, to such provisions as shall be approved by the parties to this agreement, or that may be fixed by the Board of Conciliation, the union shall, within fourteen days after notice in writing from any owner or owners, take the necessary steps to compel them to do so, and if the union fails to commence and carry out such proceedings, then the parties to this agreement shall thereafter be released from any further obligation to conform to such terms and conditions.

6. That the industrial agreement shall be signed by the parties on or before the 14th inst.

GEORGE BURGESS,
Chairman of the Board.

9th December, 1897.