

(23.) DUNEDIN LINOTYPISTS.

BEFORE the Board of Conciliation the following temporary compromise was arrived at:—

That consideration of all matters in dispute between the parties be adjourned for twelve months from the 1st January, 1899, and that in the meantime the hours of work for machine operators be forty-five hours per week for day-hands and forty-two hours per week for night-hands; work done in excess of these hours to be paid for at the rate of one and a third.

The wages to be paid operators during the said period of twelve months to be ascertained as follows: The average of the aggregate earnings of the men now working the machines in both offices for the period of three months ended the 30th October, 1897, to be the rate.

Rule 1A of the general conditions as agreed to at the conference to be in force during the said period of twelve months. Rule 1A reads as follows: "That employment of operators on piecework be at the option of employers. That the following rates of speed be recognised as fair standards of efficiency: 5,000 ens per hour within six months from the time of operator starting machine, 6,000 in eight months, 6,500 in twelve months, 7,000 in fifteen months."
