

(12.) WELLINGTON TAILORESSES.

The Wellington Tailoresses' Union and the Employers.

The Board have taken into consideration the claims filed in the above matter, and make the following recommendations :—

1. The adoption of a log, a copy of which is signed by the Chairman and filed with this report.

2. Minimum wage.—Coat, vest, and trouser hands—First class, £1 10s.; second class, £1 5s.; third class, £1 1s. Machinists—First class, £1 10s.; second class, £1 5s. A first-class machinist to

mean one working for an average of thirteen workers ; or if for a less number, one who can fill up her time in making a garment.

3. That the number of apprentices be limited to one to every four or fraction of the first four operatives; but no two apprentices are to be admitted in one year. The proportion to be gauged by full employment of operatives for two-thirds of a year.

4. The Board is not prepared to recommend the universal adoption of indentures. The following to be the period of apprenticeship : Coat-making, three years ; vest- and trouser-makers, also machinists, two years.

5. The payment of apprentices to be as follows : 2s. 6d. per week for the first four months, a rise of 2s. 6d. per week each succeeding four months of the first year, thereafter a rise of 2s. 6d. per week in each succeeding six months until the term of apprenticeship expires.

6. The Board would discourage working overtime, but when existing, overtime shall be paid for at the rate of time and a quarter.

7. That employers shall employ members of the Wellington Tailoresses' Union in preference to non-members, provided there are members of the union equally competent with non-members to perform the work required to be done, and are ready and willing to undertake it where non-members are employed.

8. That an industrial agreement be drawn up embodying the foregoing recommendations, to last for twelve months from the 13th day of April, 1898, and which may be prolonged by consent of parties. That if such agreement be not signed within three days from date either of the parties may appeal.

Dated the 20th day of April, 1898.

W. H. QUICK, Chairman.

Before the Board of Conciliation in the Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington Tailoresses' Union and the employers.

The Board having filed certain recommendations on the 21st day of April instant, and the Wellington Tailoresses' Union having since given notice to the Chairman that they refuse to accept such recommendations, the Board do report that they have been unable to bring about any settlement of the dispute referred to them satisfactory to the parties thereto.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1898.

W. H. QUICK, Chairman.