Before the Conciliation Board of the Northern District. Auckland, 18th January, 1899. Dear Sir,— Referring to the dispute between the Auckland Operative Bootmakers' Industrial Union of Workmen and Mr. Hal Goodacre, of New Plymouth, I have to report that the Board of Conciliation for the Northern District, having taken into consideration all matters arising out of the above dispute, and having taken evidence

and heard argument, have been unable to effect a settlement of the dispute. A. H. Collins, Chairman. To the Clerk of Awards, Auckland.

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