

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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Before the Board of Conciliation, in the Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between Hal Goodacre, of New Plymouth, and the Auckland Operative Bootmakers' Industrial Union, and of a reference thereof for settlement.

This dispute was first considered by the Board on the 6th day of December, 1898, and by adjournment on subsequent days. The Board recommended that the finding be the same as in the case between the Auckland Operative Bootmakers' Industrial Union and the Auckland boot-manufacturers, and, having failed to effect a settlement, it was resolved to refer the matter to the Court of Arbitration. Since the above inquiry, it has been reported that there was an informality in the former proceedings, and the Auckland Industrial Union request that the informality be corrected and the dispute be referred to the Court of Arbitration.

The Board, having heard the application, recommend that the finding be the same as in the former case; and, the secretary of the union having declined to accept the finding, the Board resolved to refer the matter to the Court of Arbitration for settlement.

A. H. COLLINS, Chairman.

Auckland, 23rd March, 1899.

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