

(24.) GRANITY CREEK COAL-MINERS.

THIS agreement, made in pursuance of "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1894," this 21st day of October, 1899, between the Westport Coal Company (Limited) Industrial Union of Employers and Granity Creek Coal-miners' Industrial Union of Workers. The said parties to this agreement agree that when colliers are employed mining by hand-labour at tonnage rates, the following provisions shall apply:—

1. Tonnage rates on all solid workings shall be 2s. 3d. per ton for any height of coal down to 5 ft. thick; from 5 ft. to 4 ft., 2s. 5d. per ton; below 4 ft. to be a deficient place.

2. Same as clause 2 in No. 7, dated 21st October, 1898. Add "When taking up bottoms in bords down to 12 ft. wide, any thickness down to 3 ft. 6 in. to be paid for at pillar rates; from 3 ft. 6 in. down to 2 ft. to be paid for at bord rates; below 2 ft. to be a deficient place; from 12 ft. to 10 ft. wide, 1s. per yard; from 10 ft. to 6 ft. 2s. per yard.

3. Same as clause 3 in No. 7, adding "6 ft. wide, 6s. per yard."

4. Same as clause 4 in No. 7.

5. Same as clause 5 in No. 7, but applies only to hand-labour at tonnage rates.

6. Same as clause 6 in No. 7.

7 to 15. Same as clauses 8 to 16 in No. 7.

16. Trucking to be by contract or shift-work at option of the company.

17 and 18. Same as clauses 17 and 18 in No. 7.

19 and 20. Same as clauses 20 and 21 in No. 7.

21. Same as clause 19 in No. 7.

22. Workmen employed on wages at so-much per day shall perform any class of work which may be required in or about the mine, if requested by the manager or his deputy to remove from one place to another where his services are for the time being required.

23. Should any matter or dispute arise during the term of this agreement not herein provided for, such matter or dispute shall come before the company's officials and union representatives, with a view to coming to terms in settlement of such dispute.

The provisions of this agreement to continue in force for two years from this date.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereto set their hands, this 21st day of October, 1899, at Granity, in the Colony of New Zealand.

For the Westport Coal Company (Limited) Industrial Union of Employers—

THOMAS BROWN.

JONATHAN DIXON.

ADAM JAMIESON.

Witness to A. Jamieson's signature—D. Murdoch.

For the Granity Creek Coal-miners' Industrial Union of Workers—

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, President.

WILLIAM MADDISON, Secretary.

Witness to signatures—John C. Brown.

(25.) WESTPORT WHARF-LABOURERS.

Westport, 17th January, 1900.

THE following agreement has been entered into, in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1894, and its amendments, between the Westport District Gold-miners' Industrial Union of Workers (registered No. 96) and the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), to take effect on the 1st day of January, 1900:—

1. The following rates shall be paid by above company for loading or unloading cargo, timber, &c., or any other kind of labour in connection with above: Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per hour; after 5 p.m. and up to 8 a.m., 2s. per hour. Coal at the rate of 2s. per hour day and night.