

(75.) SHAG POINT COAL-MINERS.

In the matter of "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900"; and in the matter of a dispute between the Otago Coal-miners' Union of Workers and the Shag Point Coal Company (Thomas Shore, manager).

THE Conciliation Board for the Industrial District of Otago and Southland, having received the necessary proofs establishing its jurisdiction in the above matter, and having heard the parties and their evidence, and having carefully inquired into the said dispute, recommends as follows:—

That the parties to the said dispute enter into an agreement respecting the working of No. 6 seam for a period commencing immediately after the expiry of one month from the filing hereof and enduring until the 1st day of December, 1901, the agreement to contain the following provisions:—

1. The provisions of an industrial agreement* now subsisting between the parties, made the 17th May, 1900, are incorporated herewith, and the following clauses of the said agreement shall be deemed to form part hereof, and to apply to No. 6 seam of the Shag Point Mine—namely, clauses 1, 6, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29; and in so applying the said clauses clause 1 shall be read as providing that the ballot shall be one ballot through the whole mine, including No. 6 seam.

2. The following minimum wages shall be paid, and the respective conditions herein referred to shall apply to the several classes of places herein mentioned:—(a.) Headings in solid: 12 yards wide, brushing 5 ft., packs 8 ft. apart—8s. per ton. (b.) Levels: 12 yards wide, brushing 4 ft. 6 in., packs 7 ft. apart—5s. 6d. per ton. (c.) Bords: 13 yards wide, brushing 4 ft. 6 in., packs 7 ft. apart—5s. per ton. (d.) Crossing headings: To be paid for a block of coal 12 yards by 12 yards at the rate of 6s. 6d. per ton.

3. Trucking by miners not to be over 75 yards. For every 25 yards or part of 25 yards beyond this distance the miner to be paid 4d. extra per ton.

4. The miner is not to be responsible for his road beyond 1 chain from the face.

5. Brushing is to be measured from the top of the sleeper to the roof.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1901.

FREDK. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

THIS industrial agreement, made in pursuance of "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900," this 23rd day of May, 1901, between the Shag Point Coal Company and the Otago Coal-miners' Industrial Union of Workers, in the Industrial District of

* See Vol. i., p. 453, "Awards, Recommendations, Agreements, &c."

Otago and Southland. Agreement to continue in force until the 1st day of December, 1901. Particulars as follows:—

1. Headings in solid: 12 yards wide, brushing 5 ft. 6 in. high, packs 8 ft. apart; rate, 9s. per ton.
2. Levels: 12 yards wide, brushing 5 ft. high and 4 ft. 6 in. wide, packs 7 ft. apart; rate, 7s. per ton.
3. Crossing headings to be paid for a block of coal 12 yards by 12 yards at the rate of 7s. per ton.
4. Bords: 13 yards wide, brushing 5 ft. high and 4 ft. 6 in. wide, packs 7 ft. apart; 6s. per ton.
5. All trucking to be done by the miner until the expiration of this agreement.
6. Miner to be responsible for his road for 24 ft. from end of the rails.
7. "Deficient" places to mean all places where a practical miner cannot make 10s. per day.
8. Height of brushing to be measured from top of sleeper to roof.
9. The following clauses, as per industrial agreement at present in force, to apply to No. 6 seam: Nos. 1, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29.

Signed on behalf of the Shag Point Coal Company—

THE SHAG POINT COAL COMPANY,
Per GEO. R. CHEESEMAN, General Manager.

Signed on behalf of the Otago Coal-miners' Industrial Union of Workers—

ROBERT STATHAM, President.
JAMES DONALDSON, Secretary.

(76.) OTAGO COAL-MINERS.

In the matter of "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900"; and in the matter of a dispute between the Otago Coal-miners' Industrial Union of Workers and the New Zealand Coal and Oil Syndicate (Limited).

THE Conciliation Board for the Industrial District of Otago and Southland, having received the necessary proofs establishing its jurisdiction in the above matter, and having heard the parties and their evidence, and having carefully inquired into the said dispute, recommends as follows:—

That the parties to the said dispute enter into an industrial agreement for a period commencing immediately after the expiry of one month from the filing hereof and enduring until the 30th day of November, 1901, the agreement to contain the following provisions:—

1. Engine-drivers to be paid a minimum wage of £2 16s. per week. Firemen to receive a minimum wage of 7s. per day.