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(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.

2. Firemen to receive wages equal to time and a half on Sundays.

3. Firemen to receive assistance to tip coal for firing purposes.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1901.

FREDK. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

(77.) OTAGO IRONWORKERS.

In the matter of "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900"; and in the matter of a dispute between the Otago Ironworkers' Industrial Union of Workers and the Otago Iron-rolling Mills Company, of Burnside.

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. *Labourers*.—The hours worked by labourers shall be forty-eight per week, made up as follows: Eight hours and three-quarters for the first five days, and four hours and a quarter on Saturday. They shall receive a minimum wage at the rate of 7s. per day.

2. *Stocktaker, &c.*—The following hands shall be subject to the same conditions as labourers—viz., stocktaker, firemen at boilers, catcher at shears, scrap-cutter at shears; and the following hands shall be subject to the same conditions, save that they receive a minimum wage of 7s. 6d.—viz., engine and hammer drivers and shearman (finished iron).

3. *Shifts*.—Where practicable the shifts shall change in rotation week about. Shifts to be worked as follows: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The management may vary these hours, provided it shall not do so unreasonably, and that its action shall be subject to clause 9 hereof.

4. *Pieceworkers*.—The following minimum wages shall be paid for eight-hour shifts: Ball furnace—Ball-furnace man, 4s. 3d. per ton; forge roller, 1s. 0½d. per ton; catcher (forge rolls), 8½d. per ton; hooking and dragging, 7½d. per ton. Finished iron—Furnace-man, 4s. 10d. per ton; head roller, 1s. 7½d. per ton; bolter-up, 1s. 4½d. per ton; bolter-down, 1s. 4½d. per ton; catcher, 8d. per ton.

5. The shinglers' wages are to be settled by arbitration under clause 9 if Mr. William Smellie ceases to be employed.