

(79.) SOUTHLAND SAWMILLERS.

THIS agreement, made in pursuance of "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900," this 1st day of June, 1901, between the Southland Timber-yards and Sawmills Industrial Union of Workers and the undersigned master sawmillers, whereby the members of the said union agree to carry out, abide by, and be bound by the

terms, conditions, and the provisions set forth in the statement of wages and conditions of labour hereunto annexed and marked "A," and the undersigned master sawmillers agree respectively to observe and perform every matter and thing by the said terms, conditions, and provisions as contained in the said annexed statement of wages and conditions of labour marked "A," and shall not do anything in contravention of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by the same; and this industrial agreement shall continue in force for a period of two years.

As witness our hands the day and year first above written.

The New Zealand Pine Company, Invercargill; McCalum and Co., Invercargill; Southland Sawmilling Company, Invercargill; Fisher and Co., Colac Bay; John Melvin, Kennington; Timpany Bros., Seaward Bush; A. and D. Macpherson, Otautau; McKenzie and Sons, Lady Barkly; Kilkelly Bros., Grove Bush; G. Melvin and Co., Long Bush; G. Anderson, Woodstock; A. R. Wallis, Woodstock; D. W. Mackay, Mataka; Southland Timber Company; the National Timber Company, Invercargill; Ben Ward, Ruahine; More and Sons, Riverton; E. and A. Harrington, Waicola; John McIntyre, Preservation Inlet; C. Andrews and Co., Waimatuku; and others now being obtained.

WILLIAM STOTT, President.

ARTHUR A. PAAPE, Secretary.

1. Working-hours to be eight hours per day, or forty-eight hours per week.

2. The following to be the minimum wages per day: Breast-bench sawyer who keeps two saws and top saw, 10s. 6d. per day; breast-bench sawyer who keeps one saw and top saw, 10s. per day; breast-bench sawyer who keeps no saw and top saw, 9s. per day; big-bench sawyer who keeps bottom and top saw, 9s. 6d. per day; big-bench sawyer who keeps no saw, 9s. per day; middle-bench tailer-out, 9s. per day; third-bench tailer-out, 8s. per day; big-bench tailer-out, 8s.; first-class machinist who can and does make his own knives and irons, 10s. per day; second-class machinist who does not make his own knives and irons, 9s. per day; third-class machinist for first twelve months of working machines, 8s. per day; first-class certificated engineer, who may be required to do other work, 9s. per day; second-class engine-driver, who may be required to do other work, 8s. per day; drivers of locomotives whilst employed in driving, 10s. per day; bushmen, shoemen, log-trolley men, and stokers, 9s. per day; tramway-men, 8s. per day; unskilled labourers, such as slabmen, assistant benchmen, and yard-workers, 7s. 6d. per day; boys sixteen years of age, 3s. 6d. per day (an advance of 1s. per day to be made for every year over sixteen).

3. Yardmen, £10 10s. per calendar month (the yardman to be the man who is in charge of the yard ; only one such to be recognised in each yard) ; bullock-drivers, £10 per calendar month. Yardmen and bullock-drivers to be the only monthly men, and the only men to receive pay for holidays.

4. Wages to be paid in cash before the 8th of the month.

5. Where a vacancy is to be filled up employers to give preference to union men if they are as suitable as non-union.

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