

## NELSON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(2.) COLLINGWOOD (NELSON) GOLD MINERS.—RECOMMENDATIONS.  
In the matter of the complaint of the Collingwood Gold-miners and Labourers' Union against the Parapara Hydraulic Sluicing Company (Limited).

THE Board wishes to express its opinion that the maximum rate of wages paid in the Collingwood district for sluicing-work—namely, 9s. per day—and which rate was first demanded by the union in their letter to the company dated the 15th April last, is not an excessive demand for that class of work, especially in view of the fact that such a rate is the minimum rate paid on the West Coast goldfields; but the Board, having carefully taken into consideration the adverse circumstances under which the company in question has since it commenced operations been struggling for the past nine years, is of opinion that, in the interests of both parties, the rate of the miners' wages should be fixed at 8s. 6d. per day. The Board has arrived at this decision because it has been shown by the evidence that the men employed by the company at the Parapara have less broken time than those employed on any other sluicing com-

pany's works in the mining district in question ; consequently they confidently hope that their recommendation will prove a solution of the present difficulty, and that the good feeling at present existing between the employees and the employers will continue.

The Board therefore recommends and awards that the increased rate of wages from 8s. a day to 8s. 6d. per day be paid by the company in question to the miners employed by them at the Parapara for a period of twelve months, commencing from the 1st day of December, 1901.

WALTER HILL, Chairman.

WM. T. BOND,  
ROBT. HUNTER,  
ROBT. H. SIMPSON,  
J. N. EASDALE,

Members of the Nelson Conciliation  
Board.

19th October, 1901.

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The recommendations of the Conciliation Board not having been accepted by the parties, the dispute was, on the 6th November, 1901, referred to the Court of Arbitration for settlement.

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### (3.) COLLINGWOOD GOLD-MINERS.—AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Nelson Industrial District. — In the matter of "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1900," and "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act Amendment Act, 1901"; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Collingwood Miners and Labourers' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") of the one part, and the Parapara Hydraulic Sluicing and Mining Company (Limited) (hereinafter called "the employers") of the other part.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Court"), having taken into consideration the matter of the above-mentioned dispute, and having heard the employers by their representative (Mr. Beetham) duly appointed, and having also heard the union by its representative (Mr. Richardson) duly appointed, and the reference to the Court having been by the employers, the said employers not having accepted the recommendations of the Board of Conciliation for this district duly filed herein, and no evidence having been called before the Court herein, doth hereby order and award: That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award ; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and