

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(1106.) DUNEDIN GAS STOKERS AND COKERS. — INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT.

THIS industrial agreement, made in pursuance of "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1905," this 20th day of August, 1906, between the Dunedin Gas Stokers and Cokers' Industrial Union of Workers and the Dunedin City Corporation.

STATEMENT OF HOURS, WAGES, AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF LABOUR.

Hours.

1. A day's work shall consist of three shifts of eight hours each, except where for the purpose of changing shifts twelve hours may be worked.

Wages.

2. The wages of competent stokers shall be 9s. per shift (paid fortnightly, on Saturdays).

Holidays.

3. For work done on the following holidays double time shall be paid—New Year's Day, Good Friday, Prince of Wales's Birthday (or Picnic Day), Labour Day, birthday of the reigning sovereign, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day—or a week's holiday may be given in lieu thereof.

Conditions of Labour.

4. A man's work in the old house shall consist of two beds of five retorts, and draw on an average not more than sixteen retorts a shift, clean fires, and trim coal and coke. A man's work in the new house shall consist of eleven retorts, and draw on an average not more than sixteen retorts a shift, trim coal and coke, and clean fires between them.

5. Stokers to be exempted from riddling ashes.

6. Where there is a vacancy for the position of foreman, stokers already in the employ of the Corporation to get preference of appointment.

7. When a winter hand finishes up in the stokehouse, he shall get preference of yard-work before outsiders.

8. Every stoker to be put in or out of the stokehouse in his proper turn, subject to his conduct and ability being satisfactory to the Engineer.

Preference.

In taking on new men, if competent men are available, preference of employment shall be given to members of the Dunedin Gas Stokers and Cokers' Union.

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of two years, dating from the 1st day of September, 1906, and thereafter until

superseded by another industrial agreement or by an award of the Court.

Signed on behalf of the Dunedin Gas Stokers and Cokers' Industrial Union of Workers.

A. E. GAWERS, President.

J. HAYMES, Secretary.

T. FITZGERALD, Treasurer.

Signed on behalf of the Dunedin City Corporation.

G. LAWRENCE, Mayor.

R. W. RICHARDS, Town Clerk.