

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(1252.) OTAGO FELT-HATTERS.—CLAIMS OF UNION.†

RATE OF WAGES.

The minimum to be £3 per week for journeymen, such work to consist of not more than forty-eight hours per week—viz., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday eight hours and three-quarters, and Saturday four hours and a quarter—that is to say, on Saturday from 8 a.m. till 12.15 p.m., and on the other days from 8 a.m. till 12.15 p.m. and from 1 p.m. till 5.30 p.m.

OVERTIME.

All overtime to be at the rate of time and a quarter.

* For award, see April. The award covers Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts.

† For award, see April.

APPRENTICES.

Employers may have one apprentice to every five journeymen, such apprentices to be bound by indenture for a term of five years, and not to be over sixteen years at the time of indenturing. Indentures to be witnessed by one or more journeymen, who shall see that the person is not over age.

Minimum wages for apprentices to be: For the first year, 15s. per week; for the second year, £1 per week; for the third year, £1 5s. per week; for the fourth year, £1 10s. per week; and for the fifth year, £2 per week.

PREFERENCE.

The employers shall employ members of the union in preference to non-members, but this provision shall not compel any employer to dismiss or refuse employment to any person now employed by him.

DISPUTES.

Any dispute arising out of an interpretation hereof, or as to any matter herein unprovided for, shall be referred to a conference between the secretary or president of the union and the employer or his agent, and in case of difference shall be settled by the Chairman of the Board of Conciliation of the district.

TIME.

This agreement to remain in force for two years from the date of filing same in the office of the Clerk of the Otago and Southland District.
