

NELSON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(2165.) NELSON SLAUGHTERMEN.—AGREEMENT.

THIS industrial agreement, made in pursuance of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, this 10th day of May, 1910, between the undermentioned parties and the New Zealand Federated Slaughtermen's Industrial Association of Workers: Nelson Freezing Company.

Hours of Work.

1. (a.) Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, the ordinary hours of work shall be worked between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- (b.) An ordinary day's work shall not exceed eight hours.
- (c.) On Saturdays the ordinary work shall not exceed four hours irrespective of the hour of starting work.
- (d.) Intervals for meals shall be as at present customary at the various sheds unless otherwise mutually arranged.

Rates of Pay.

2. (a.)	Freezing sheep and lambs	... £1 5s. per 100.
	Rams other than ram lambs	... 5d. per head.
	Lambs requiring back sets	... 5d. ,,
	Dead sheep and lambs	... 1s. ,,
	Cattle	... 2s. ,,
	Dead cattle	... 5s. ,,
	Pigs up to 120 lb.	... 1s. ,,
	Pigs 121 lb. and over	... 1s. 6d. ,,
	Calves up to 130 lb.	... 1s. ,,
	Calves 131 lb. and over	... 1s. 6d. ,,
	Potter's sheep	... £1 per 100.
	,, lambs	... 18s. ,,

(b.) Wages to be paid weekly or fortnightly, as in practice in different works.

Waiting-time.

3. In each case when slaughtermen are required to wait for work after the arranged time for starting work, they shall be paid at the rate of 2s. per hour for all time so occupied in waiting. Slaughtermen to wait fifteen minutes in the event of a cut-out, but after that time to be paid at the rate of 2s. per hour for all time so occupied. Time to count from the time the last man cut out.

Slaughtermen's Work.

4. The killing and dressing of sheep and lambs shall consist of killing, removing tongues, taking off skin, including wool portion of head, and shanks with wool pieces, taking insides out, wiping and thoroughly cleaning carcasses, putting on butchers' tags, putting on neck-strings, hanging off, and taking out sweetbreads.

Damage to Skins, &c.

5. In the event of any worker, either through carelessness or neglect, damaging any skins, hides, or carcasses, the foreman in charge shall have the right to restrict the hourly tally of any such worker, or he may instantly dismiss such worker.

Competent Men.

6. None but competent men shall be employed as slaughtermen.

Learners.

7. The employers may employ learners in their respective factories. Each learner shall be provided with a hook. The hooks for learners shall be kept separate as far as reasonably practicable from the hooks for slaughtermen. Learners shall be employed in such proportion to slaughtermen that there shall not be more than one learner to every ten slaughtermen, or fraction of first ten. Each employer shall be entitled to have one learner in each beef slaughterhouse, and such learner shall be taken off the mutton-board. Each employer may employ competent workers to teach such learners, or may arrange with slaughtermen who have hooks in the slaughterhouse to teach learners for such rate or remuneration as may be agreed upon between the employer and the slaughtermen employed to teach such learners.

Learners to be paid for all slaughtering done by them at not less than the rates specified in this agreement. The rules as to preference to unionists shall apply to learners.

A learner, when capable of killing and dressing eight sheep or lambs per hour for freezing purposes to the satisfaction of the foreman butcher, shall be classed as a competent slaughterman, and shall be transferred from the learners' class.

Regulations.

8. Each slaughterman shall be provided with a hook, and not more than two men shall be allowed to work in any one pen.

Beef Butcher's Work.

9. Put into pithing-pen, stun or pith, bleed, take head off, take tongue out, hoist, ground, take hide off, skin and take tail off, take inside and kidneys out, strip caul, wipe and clean, saw into sides, trim, and hang back.

Holidays.

10. The 1st January, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, birthday of reigning sovereign, Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Labour Day; also two other days, to be arranged to meet the requirements of the several localities.

All work done on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or on Sundays shall be paid for at double rates; all work done on any of the other holidays shall be paid for at the rate of rate and a half.

Overtime.

11. All work done after 5 p.m. in works where the usual hour of starting is 8 a.m., or after eight ordinary working-hours in works where an earlier start has been mutually agreed upon, shall be paid for at the rate of rate and a quarter. No more than one hour's overtime shall be worked on any one day except on Saturdays, when four hours shall be worked if required. After four hours' ordinary work on Saturdays overtime shall commence; but all work shall cease not later than 4 p.m.

Preference.

12. Preference of employment shall be given to members of the union: Provided that for the purposes of this agreement the rules of the union at present in force at date of the agreement with respect to the admission to members shall be interpreted to mean that no ballot or other election shall be required in the case of any person of good character, or who does not owe contributions to other kindred slaughtermen's union: Provided, further, that the entrance fee at no time shall exceed 10s. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the continued employment of workers now in the employment of any employer, although such workers may not be or become members of the union.

Dressing and Dining Rooms.

13. The conditions in respect to these matters in existence at the date of this agreement shall be accepted.

Management.

14. Subject to the special provisions of this agreement expressed, the employers shall retain and have full power to manage and control their own business, and the conduct of their employees in connection therewith, and to make reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this agreement relating to the management thereof, and to the hiring, conduct, duties, and dismissal of persons in their employment.

Men leaving Work.

15. Employees shall ask permission of the foreman before ceasing work at any time other than the general time of ceasing work.

Cutting out.

16. In order to cut out any mob which may be on hand at knocking-off time, workers shall thereafter, if required, slaughter up to three sheep or lambs per man at ordinary rates.

Term of Agreement.

17. This agreement shall come into force so far as the two Wellington companies are concerned on the 17th January, 1910, and in respect to all other companies on the 1st February, 1910, and shall continue in operation for a period of three years.

Extension of Period of Agreement.

18. The New Zealand Federated Slaughtermen's Association shall further agree to undertake, by means of separate agreements, to use its best endeavours to renew this agreement in all its essential details at the expiration of the above-mentioned term for a further period of two years.

NELSON FREEZING COMPANY (LIMITED):
J. ALLAN MITCHELL.

Signed on behalf of the New Zealand Federated Slaughtermen's Industrial Association of Workers.

RICHARD JONES, President.
M. J. REARDON, Secretary.