

(4192.) OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND RANGE-WORKERS.—AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Otago and Southland Range-workers' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

Barningham and Co. (Limited), range-makers, 325 George Street, Dunedin.

Brinsley, Richard, and Co. (Limited), range-makers, 321 Cumberland Street, Dunedin.

Langmuir and Co. (Limited), range-makers, 31 Leet Street, Invercargill.

Shacklock, H. E. (Limited), range-makers, Princes Street, Dunedin.

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 union by its representatives duly appointed, and having also heard such of the employers as were represented either in person or by their representatives duly appointed, doth hereby order and award :—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, 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 upon each and every of them, 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 the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that the sum of £100 shall be the maximum penalty payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as from the 1st day of December, 1915, and shall continue in force until the 9th day of November, 1917, and thereafter as provided by section 90, subsection (1) (d), of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 17th day of December, 1915.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Hours of Work.

1. The number of working-hours per week shall not exceed forty-seven, four and a half hours only to be worked on Saturday, and not more than eight hours and three-quarters ordinary time to be worked on any other day.

Overtime and Holidays.

2. (a.) Extra time shall be worked when required, and shall be classed and be paid for as overtime at the following rates: Time and a quarter for the first two hours, and time and a half afterwards.

(b.) Double time shall be paid for all work done on Saturday afternoon, Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Sovereign's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

Wages.

3. The wages for oven, ash-pan, funnel and register makers, and for range fitters and polishers shall be not less than 1s. 4d. per hour, and for grinders and body-fitters not less than 1s. 2d. per hour.

Travelling-time.

4. Any worker employed to work at a distance from his employer's shop shall be paid for his time until he returns to his shop or home, provided his home is not a greater distance from his work than his shop. Employees shall be paid their fares and reasonable travelling-expenses, and if required to stay away from home their board and lodging. Not more than eight hours shall be paid for travelling in any one day.

Boys.

5. Boys may be employed in the proportion of not more than one to every two journeymen fully employed during the previous six months, and then shall be paid not less than the following wages per week: For the first year, 7s. 6d.; for the second year, 12s. 6d.; for the third year, 17s. 6d.; for the fourth year, £1 2s. 6d.; and for the fifth year, £1 10s.

Under-rate Workers.

6. (a.) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing

such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b.) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c.) Notwithstanding the foregoing it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d.) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Factories of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e.) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Preference.

7. (a.) If any employer shall hereafter engage any worker coming within the scope of this award who shall not be a member of the union, and who shall not become a member thereof within fourteen days after his engagement and remain such member, the employer shall dismiss such worker from his service if requested to do so by the union, provided there is then a member of the union equally qualified to perform the particular work required to be done, and ready and willing to undertake the same.

(b.) The provisions of the foregoing clause shall operate only if and so long as the rules of the union shall permit any worker coming within the scope of this award of good character and sober habits to become a member of the union upon payment of an entrance fee not exceeding 5s., upon a written application, without ballot or other election, and to continue a member upon payment of subsequent contributions not exceeding 6d. per week.

Term of Award.

8. This award shall come into force as from the 1st day of December, 1915, and shall continue in force until the 9th day of November, 1917.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the said Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 17th day of December, 1915.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

This award embodies without alteration the recommendation of the Council of Conciliation, which the parties agreed to accept.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

NOTE.—Section 90, subsection (1) (*d*), of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, provides that, notwithstanding the expiration of the currency of the award, the award shall continue in force until a new award has been duly made or an industrial agreement entered into, except where the registration of an industrial union of workers bound by such award has been cancelled.