

(4622.) NEW ZEALAND MARINE ENGINEERS (UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY).—ADDING PARTY TO AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of an award dated the 17th day of May, 1916, made in an industrial dispute between the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited) and the Wellington District of the Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers' Industrial Union of Workers.

Thursday, the 5th day of April, 1917.

UPON reading the application filed herein on the 16th day of September, 1916, by the above-named industrial union of workers for

an award as between the said union and the Canterbury Shipping Company (Limited) and the Anchor Shipping and Foundry Company (Limited), and upon hearing the duly appointed representatives of the said union and of the said companies respectively, this Court doth order that the said the Anchor Shipping and Foundry Company (Limited) be and the same is hereby added as a party to the said award, but so as to bind the said company only in respect of the steamship "Regulus" so long as the said steamship shall remain the property of the said company.

This order shall operate as from the 16th day of April, 1917.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

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MEMORANDUM.

The Institute of Marine Engineers filed an industrial dispute, citing the Canterbury Shipping Company (Limited) and the Anchor Shipping and Foundry Company (Limited) as parties to the dispute, and seeking to obtain an award against the said companies similar in terms to the award dated the 17th May, 1916, made between the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited) and the said institute. The award was sought, however, in respect of only two vessels—namely, the "Calm" and the "Regulus"—owned respectively by the two companies cited. The majority of the Court are of opinion that, having regard to the size of the vessels in question, and the nature of the trade in which they are engaged, they would more properly be brought under the small-boats award, which regulates the conditions affecting vessels of a similar class engaged in a similar trade. They think, moreover, that it would be unfair to join the owners of the vessels in question to an award made between one large company and the workers dealing with vessels of which the great majority are of much greater horse-power than the vessel in question, and are engaged chiefly in a different class of trade, and in the making of which award the owners of the last-mentioned vessels had no opportunity of being heard or of submitting special conditions for the special trade in which they were engaged. Inasmuch, however, as the engineers of the "Regulus" have been working under the provisions of the large-boats award, it has been thought advisable to leave them—at any rate for the present—to continue under that award. As the simplest way of carrying this into effect the Court has, therefore, added the owner of the "Regulus" to the award, but only in respect of that vessel. In the small-boats award special provisions with regard to the wages for engineers of the "Calm" have been added in accordance with the offer made at the hearing.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

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