

(5002.) NORTHERN DISTRICT (EXCEPT GISBORNE JUDICIAL DISTRICT) BREWERY, MALTHOUSE, AND BOTTLING-HOUSE EMPLOYEES.—ORDER INCREASING WAR BONUS.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern 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 14th day of May, 1918, made in an industrial dispute between the Auckland Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants' Employees' Industrial Union of Workers and Campbell and Ehrenfried and others.

Thursday, the 19th day of September, 1918.

UPON reading the application of the above-named union filed herein on the 8th day of August, 1918, and in pursuance of the provision in that behalf contained in clause 3, subclause (c), of the said award, this Court doth award and order that the war bonus of 5s. provided for in clause 3, subclause (b), of the said award shall be and it is hereby increased, as from the 30th day of September, 1918, from 5s. to 7s. 6d. per full week worked, or at the rate thereof.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The Court has had some doubt as to whether it should exercise the power contained in the award and interfere with the remuneration fixed by such award which was made so recently as in May last. It has, however, been the policy of the Court, when reasonably practicable, to keep the wages of workers in similar and competing industries in different industrial districts on something like a footing of equality. The business covered by this award is in competition with similar businesses in the Canterbury District, in which in July last the employers voluntarily conceded to their workers a rate of payment substantially greater than the amount fixed by the above award. This being so, and the business being of a special character, and the wages of the workers employed therein having no relation to the wages of workers engaged in industries properly so called, the Court has decided to increase the war bonus as above provided so as to bring the remuneration of the workers in this district to the same amount as that being paid to the workers in the Canterbury District.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.