

(4866.) WELLINGTON DRIVERS.—AGREEMENT *RE* WELLINGTON CITY CORPORATION.

THIS industrial agreement, made in pursuance of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, this 12th day of February, 1918, between the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington, a Corporation constituted under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, and hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation," and joining in these presents as an employer, of the one part, and the Wellington Motor-car, Horse-drivers, and Stable Attendants' Industrial Union of Workers, an industrial union registered under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and hereinafter referred to as "the industrial union" (the registered office of which union is situate at 2 Jervois Quay, in the City of Wellington), of the other part, witnesseth that it is hereby mutually agreed and declared between and by the Corporation and the industrial union that the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth shall apply to all drivers of horses employed by the Corporation from the 6th day of March, 1918, to the 6th day of March, 1920.

SCHEDULE.

Hours.

1. (a.) Fifty-one hours shall constitute a week's work for all drivers, except the night-broom men, whose hours of work shall be forty-eight per week.

(b.) The above hours shall include the time occupied in attendance to horses and cleaning harness, provided that the portion of the week's work to be allowed in attendance to horses and cleaning harness shall be four hours and a half.

(c.) The daily working-hours shall be fixed in advance by the employer according to the requirements of the particular class of work required to be done.

Wages.

2. (a.) General drivers, £3 per week; scavenging-cart drivers, £3 2s. 1d. per week; night-broom drivers, £3 4s. per week; household refuse-cart drivers, £3 6s. 4d. per week.

(b.) Drivers of two horses to receive 5s. per week extra. A driver of two horses shall mean a man who is regularly engaged for more than three days a week in driving a two-horse team, and he shall be required to work an additional four hours weekly upon those provided in clause 1 (a) in attending the extra horse and cleaning the harness.

(c.) So long as the British Empire remains in a state of war and for six months after the declaration of peace there shall be paid to all workers coming within the scope of this agreement, in addition to the rates mentioned in clause 2 thereof, a war bonus of 4s. per week upon the said rates.

Holidays.

3. (a.) General drivers shall receive and be paid for the following holidays: Good Friday, Easter Monday, King's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, and Anniversary Day.

Half-days.—St. George's Day, St. Patrick's Day, municipal election day, parliamentary election day, and Dominion Day.

(b.) Drivers of street-cleaning vehicles and refuse-vehicles shall receive and be paid for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, and in addition shall receive an annual leave of nine clear working-days in each year.

Payment for Sundays and Holidays.

4. (a.) Drivers engaged on Sunday morning street-cleaning shall be allowed eight hours' ordinary time for such work. This provision shall also apply to similar work if required at commencement of Christmas, New Year, and Easter holidays.

(b.) For work done on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday other than attendance drivers shall be paid at the rate of 2s. 6d. per hour. For work done on other holidays other than attendance to horses drivers shall be paid at the rate of 1s. 6d. per hour. The above payments shall be in addition to the weekly wage, with a minimum payment as for two hours' work.

Overtime.

5. For work done in excess of the hours herein prescribed drivers shall be paid at the rate of 1s. 6d. per hour, with the following exceptions: Collection of house-refuse, 1s. 9d. per hour; removal of street-slurry, 1s. 9d. per hour.

Preference of Employment.

6. Preference of employment shall be given to members of the union.

Term of Agreement.

7. This agreement shall come into force on the 6th day of March, 1918, and remain in force until the 6th day of March, 1920.

In witness whereof the parties have executed these presents.

The common seal of the Wellington City Corporation was hereto affixed on the 12th day of February, 1918, in the presence of—

[SEAL.]

JOHN P. LUKE, Mayor.

JAMES GODBER, Councillor.

JNO. R. PALMER, Town Clerk.

The common seal of the Wellington Motor-car, Horse-drivers, and Stable Attendants' Industrial Union of Workers was hereto affixed on the 27th day of February, 1918, in the presence of—

[SEAL.]

F. BENTLEY, President.

A. PARLANE, Secretary.

G. SYMINGTON, Vice-President.

NOTE.—Section 25, subsection (4), of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, provides that, notwithstanding the expiry of the term of the industrial agreement, it shall continue in force until superseded by another industrial agreement or by an award of the Court of Arbitration, except where the registration of an industrial union of workers bound by such agreement has been cancelled.