

NORTHERN (AUCKLAND) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(5030.) NORTHERN DISTRICT (EXCEPT GISBORNE JUDICIAL DISTRICT) CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.—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 21st day of May, 1917, made in an industrial dispute between the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners' (Auckland, Eden, and Onehunga Branches), Industrial Union of Workers and the Auckland Builders and Contractors' Industrial Union of Employers and others.

Tuesday, the 3rd day of September, 1918.

UPON the application of the above-named union of workers, and after hearing the representative of the said union and the representative of the employers, this Court, in pursuance and exercise of the power in that behalf reserved by clause 2, subclause (d), of the said award,

doth hereby order that the war bonus of 2d. per hour provided by the said clause 2, subclause (c), shall be and it is hereby increased to 3d. per hour as from the 21st day of October, 1918.

— T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

By the above order the Court has increased the war bonus provided by the award by 1d. per hour. The Court did not feel justified in making the increase greater than above stated, for it must be remembered that in this industry there are two grades of workers—viz., the highly skilled carpenters and joiners who are fully competent to do all classes of carpentering and joinery work, and the workers who are only semi-skilled and who are capable of doing only the rougher classes of work, such as weatherboarding, &c. The Court, therefore, in fixing a minimum rate of wages for all classes of workers, must necessarily do so with relation to the less skilled workers coming within the scope of the award. The rate now fixed for carpenters and joiners amounts, with the bonus addition, to 1s. 9d. per hour, which is the highest rate in Australasia—the rate in Queensland being 1s. 8½d. per hour, in Victoria 1s. 8d. per hour, in New South Wales 1s. 8d. per hour, and in South Australia 1s. 7½d. per hour.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.