(5214~INVERCARGILL TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES.—ORDER AMENDING 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 the War Legislation and Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918; and in the matter of the Invercargill Tramway Employees' award dated the 17th day of December, 1917, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xviii, p. 1189.

Upon reading the application of the Invercargill Tramways Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 27th day of March, 1919, and after hearing the representative of the said union and the representative of the Invercargill Borough Council, this Court, having regard to all the relevant considerations and being of opinion that it is just and equitable to amend the said award, doth hereby order that the said award shall be amended in manner following, that is to say—

1. The rates of wages prescribed in clause 1 of the said award for the several classes of workers therein mentioned shall be and are hereby increased by 1d. per hour.

2. In addition to the said wages as increased hereby there shall be paid to the several workers mentioned in the said award a bonus of 10 per cent. upon their respective earnings.

3. Clause 1 hereof shall operate and take effect from the 21st day of April, 1919, and clause 2 hereof shall operate and take effect from the 5th day of May, 1919.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

By clause 1 of the above order the Court has secured to the workers the increase of 1d. per hour which has already been voluntarily conceded to them by the employer, and which increase cannot now be withdrawn during the currency of the award. The Court has also granted a bonus of 10 per cent. upon the earnings of the workers to assist them in meeting the increased cost of living until October next, when the present award will expire, and the terms and conditions of a new award can be considered.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.