

(5229.) WELLINGTON (TWENTY-MILES RADIUS) BUILDERS' AND GENERAL LABOURERS.—ORDER AMENDING 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 the War Legislation and Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918; and in the matter of the Wellington (Twenty-miles Radius) Builders and General Labourers' award dated the 5th day of November, 1917, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xviii, p. 862.

UPON reading the application of the Wellington Builders and General Labourers' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 6th day of March, 1919, and after hearing the representative of the said union and the representative of the employers parties to the said award, this Court, having regard to all the relevant considerations and being of opinion that it is just and equitable to amend the said award, and in pursuance and exercise of the powers contained in the said Acts and of every other power in that behalf enabling it, doth hereby order that the said award shall be amended in manner following, that is to say—

1. Clause 2 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following clause substituted therefor:—

“2. *Building Trades' Labourers*.—(a.) Labourers engaged on the actual construction of scaffolds shall, for the time they are employed on such work, be paid not less than 1s. 4½d. per hour.

“(b.) Labourers assisting in the erection or demolition of scaffolds or buildings shall be paid not less than 1s. 3½d. per hour.

“*General Labourers*.—The following shall be the minimum rates of wages to be paid respectively to the several classes of workers hereinafter specified:—

“(c.) Tunnel-work: Tunnelmen and timbermen, 1s. 3½d. per hour. ‘Tunnel-work’ means any underground excavation that is over a chain in length or that requires timbering overhead.

“(d.) Quarry-work: All workers employed in or about any quarry, 1s. 3½d. per hour.

“(e.) General labourers working underground or employed at concrete-work, pick-and-shovel work, sewer-work, kerbing and channelling work, laying and cleaning drains, and asphalt and tar work, 1s. 3½d. per hour.

“(f.) In addition to the rates provided in this clause there shall be paid to the workers above mentioned a bonus of 2½d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

2. Clause 4 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following clause substituted therefor:—

“4. *Builders' Labourers*.—(a.) All time worked outside of or in excess of the hours mentioned in clause 1 hereof shall count as overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and thereafter double time.

“(b.) Workers required to commence work between the hour of 6 a.m. and the ordinary time for commencing work shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for such time.

“(c.) For work done on Sunday, New Year’s Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, or Boxing Day double time shall be paid.

“*General Labourers.*—(d.) All time worked beyond the hours hereinbefore mentioned shall be considered overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and thereafter double time.

“(e.) The following shall be the recognized holidays: New Year’s Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, the birthday of the Sovereign, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

“(f.) Work done on Good Friday, Christmas Day, or on Sunday shall be paid for at the rate of double time; work done on any of the other holidays shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

“(g.) In computing rates for overtime under clause 4 hereof the bonus before mentioned shall not be taken into account.”

3. This order shall operate and take effect from the 28th day of April, 1919.

Dated this 9th day of April, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.