

(5292.) NORTHERN DISTRICT (EXCEPT AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN LOCAL BODIES' LABOURERS.—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

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 the War Legislation and Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918; and in the matter of the Northern District (except Auckland and Suburban) Local Bodies' Labourers' award dated the 15th day of February, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 36.

UPON reading the application of the Northern District (except Auckland and Suburban) Local Bodies' Labourers' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 28th day of March, 1919, and upon hearing the duly appointed representatives of the said union and 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, 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 provisions substituted therefor:—

“2. (a.) The following shall be the minimum rates of wages: Quarrymen, 1s. 3½d. per hour; rock-drill men (popper and machine drills), 1s. 6d. per hour; casual labourers, 1s. 3½d. per hour; tool-sharpeners, 1s. 4½d. per hour; sanitary drainlayers, 1s. 7½d. per hour (a ‘sanitary drain’ shall be deemed to be a drain used for sewerage and not for storm water); men working in shafts or trenches 6 ft. in depth, or in tunnels, 1s. 4½d. per hour (a drive shall be constituted a tunnel for the purposes of this award where it exceeds half a chain in length from its commencement); gasworks stokers, 11s. per day; yardmen, 1s. 3½d. per hour; servicers, 1s. 6d. per hour; sanitary carters, 13s. per day; permanent hands, £3 4s. 6d. per week (permanent hands in receipt of not less than £3 4s. 6d. per week shall be permitted to do any work required to be done by the local body employing them). A ‘permanent hand’ shall be deemed to be a worker who is employed by the week, and whose employment shall be terminable by a week’s notice on either side.

“(b.) All workers now receiving a higher rate of pay than herein provided shall not have their wages reduced while in their present employment.

“(c.) In addition to the minimum rates above prescribed there shall be paid to the workers above mentioned a bonus of 2½d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

“(d.) Permanent drivers: The wages for permanent drivers shall be the same as those payable to drivers (including bonus, if any) under any award or agreement for the time being in force made between employers and the General Drivers’ Union.

“(e.) Men employed handling tar, asphalt, or tar-macadam shall be paid not less than 1s. per day or part of any day in addition to the minimum rate above prescribed.”

2. This order shall operate and take effect from the 21st day of July, 1919.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.