(5300.) AUCKLAND (FIFTEEN-MILES RADIUS) CONDIMENT AND DRUG EMPLOYEES.—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 Auckland (Fifteen-miles Radius) Condiment and Drug Employees' award dated the 11th day of June, 1917, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xviii, p. 567.

UPON reading the application of the Auckland Aerated-water, Condiment, Preserve, Biscuit, Confectionery, and Drug Employees' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 17th day of May, 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 rate of wages payable to the several classes of workers covered by this award: Cordial-makers, £3 3s. per week; all other workers, £2 15s. per week.

"(b.) In addition to the minimum rates above prescribed there shall be paid to the workers above mentioned a bonus of 5s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

"(c.) Cordial-maker' shall mean a man who is thoroughly competent to undertake all the work appertaining to cordial-making which is required of him by his employer, and who is employed in that capacity.

"(d.) When a worker is engaged more than half his ordinary time at any particular branch of the business he shall be paid the rate of wages prescribed for that branch, although he may be called upon to do any other work about the factory."

2. The following additional subclause shall be inserted in the said award after clause 5, subclause (b), thereof :—

"(c.) In addition to the minimum rates of wages above prescribed for female workers there shall be paid to such workers a bonus of 2s. 6d. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order."

3. 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.

MEMORANDUM.

The above amendment is made in terms of the proposals for settlement made by the employers, which the Court thinks were fair and reasonable, and substantially compensate the workers for the increased cost of living since the award was made.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.