

(5305.) NORTHERN DISTRICT (EXCEPT GISBORNE JUDICIAL DISTRICT) PAINTERS AND DECORATORS.—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 Gisborne Judicial District) Painters and Decorators' award dated the 11th day of October, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 1040.

UPON reading the application of the Auckland Painters' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 29th day of April, 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.) All journeymen paperhangers, general hands (namely, workers competent to do painting and paperhanging), glaziers, grainers, decorators, and signwriters shall be paid not less than 1s. 7½d. per hour; all others, 1s. 6d. per hour.

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

“(c.) Journeymen engaged in chipping, cleaning, scrubbing, or painting ships’ sides, bunkers, bulkheads, or bilges shall be paid 2s. per hour.”

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

Dated this 16th day of July, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

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MEMORANDUM.

In making this amendment the Court, following its decision in other districts, has made a classification of the workers who are to be entitled to the higher rate prescribed. Mr. McCullough wishes to record his objection to this on the ground that under certain conditions which might arise in any district this classification would operate to the detriment of the skilled worker. This certainly was not the intention of the Court, and it must be understood therefore that, if at any time it can be shown that such a result has been brought about by the partial classification introduced by the Court, the matter will be open for reconsideration.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

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