

(5329.) WELLINGTON ELECTRICAL LINESMEN AND LINESMEN'S ASSISTANTS AND THE WELLINGTON CITY CORPORATION.— ORDER AMENDING INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT.

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 Electrical Linesmen and Linesmen's Assistants and the Wellington City Corporation industrial agreement dated the 27th day of March, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 328.

UPON reading the application of the Wellington Electrical Workers' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 7th day of May, 1919, and upon hearing the duly appointed representatives of the said union and of the Wellington City Corporation and with the consent of the said Corporation, this Court, having regard to all the relevant considerations and being of opinion that it is just and equitable to amend the said agreement, doth hereby order that the

said agreement shall be amended in manner following, that is to say—

1. Clauses 2 and 3 of the said agreement shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor :—

“ 2. (a.) All wages shall be paid weekly.

“ (b.) Linesmen shall be paid at the rate of not less than 1s. 7½d. per hour.

“ (c.) Emergency linesmen shall be paid at the rate of not less than 1s. 7½d. per hour.

“ (d.) Linesmen's assistants permanently employed shall be paid not less than 1s. 5½d. per hour, and no worker other than a casual shall lose time when he is unable to work owing to wet or tempestuous weather.

“ (e.) Extra assistant linesmen may be employed casually, and their minimum rate of pay shall, while they are so casually employed, be 1s. 5½d. per hour. If and when any person has been so casually employed as an extra assistant linesman for a continuous period of three months he shall automatically become and be deemed to be an assistant linesman, and shall be paid as an assistant linesman.

“ (f.) If linesmen's assistants are temporarily employed as linesmen they shall be paid at linesmen's rates of pay for such time as they are so employed, provided that if they are so engaged for any period they shall be paid for not less than two hours at linesmen's rates of wages.

“ (g.) In addition to the rates of pay prescribed in subclauses (b) and (c) hereof there shall be paid to the workers therein mentioned a bonus of 2½d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

“ (h.) In addition to the rates of pay prescribed in subclauses (d) and (e) hereof there shall be paid to the workers therein mentioned a bonus of 2d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

2. This order shall operate and take effect as from the 4th day of August, 1919.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.