

(5332.) WELLINGTON (THIRTY-MILES RADIUS) GROCERS' ASSISTANTS AND DRIVERS.—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 (Thirty-miles Radius) Grocers' Assistants and Drivers' award dated the 13th day of March, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 80.

UPON reading the application of the Wellington Grocers' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 2nd day of June, 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 minimum rates of wages which shall be paid to grocers' assistants shall be as follows: From fifteen to sixteen years of age, 12s. 6d. per week; from sixteen to seventeen years of age, 17s. 6d. per week; from seventeen to eighteen years of age, £1 5s. per week; from eighteen to nineteen years of age, £1 15s. per week; from nineteen to twenty years of age, £2 5s. per week; from twenty to twenty-one years of age, £2 12s. 6d. per week; from twenty-one to twenty-two years of age, £2 17s. 6d. per week; over twenty-two years of age, £3 7s. 6d. per week.

“(b.) The minimum rate of wages which shall be paid to drivers of twenty-two years and upwards shall be £3 7s. 6d.

“(c.) Drivers under the age of twenty-two years shall be paid according to the scale above prescribed for assistants under the age of twenty-two years. No youth under the age of eighteen years shall be employed in driving within five miles of the Chief Post-office, Wellington.

“(d.) An assistant may act as a driver or a driver as an assistant.

“(e.) In addition to the minimum rates prescribed in the foregoing clauses there shall be paid to the workers therein mentioned a bonus of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the said rates unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

2. This order shall operate and take effect from the 18th day of August, 1919.

Dated this 4th day of August, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.