

(5380.) OTAGO QUARRY-WORKERS.—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland 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 Otago Quarry-workers' award dated the 28th day of November, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 1114.

UPON reading the application of the Otago General Labourers, Builders' Labourers, Quarrymen, and Coal-yard Employees' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 4th day of August, 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. The following shall be the minimum rates of wages for workers engaged in quarry-work:—

“(a.) Workers employed squaring stone, getting out pitchers, building-stone, kerb-stone, and paving-stone ready for masons shall be paid 1s. 5d. per hour.

“(b.) Certificated men using explosives, 1s. 4½d. per hour.

“(c.) Workers using explosives where quarry-face is less than 20 ft. in height, 1s. 4½d. per hour.

“(d.) All other workers, 1s. 3½d. per hour.

“(e.) In addition to the 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.”

2. Clause 5 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“5. (a.) All work done in excess of the hours mentioned in clause 1 hereof shall count as overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours, and thereafter double time until the ordinary time for commencing work next morning if worked continuously.

“(b.) For all time worked on New Year’s Day, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Boxing Day, and the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, time and a half shall be paid, and for all time worked on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Sunday double time shall be paid: Provided that when Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, or the birthday of the reigning Sovereign falls on a Sunday then the holiday shall be held on the following Monday. All work done on Saturday afternoon shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

“(c.) An employer may agree with his workers to substitute another day for any of the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day. The employer shall give written notice to the union of the substitution.

“(d.) In computing the rates of overtime payable under this clause the bonus hereinbefore mentioned shall not be taken into account.”

3. This order shall operate and take effect from the 8th day of September, 1919.

Dated this 30th day of August, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.