

(5537.) NORTH CANTERBURY GROCERS' ASSISTANTS.—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Canterbury 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 North Canterbury Grocers' Assistants' award dated the 25th day of March, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 163; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 4th day of April, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 303.

UPON reading the application of the Canterbury Grocers' Assistants' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 20th day of November, 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 order dated the 4th day of April, 1919, be cancelled, and 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, 15s. per week; from sixteen to seventeen years of age, £1 per week; from seventeen to eighteen years of age, £1 7s. 6d. per week; from eighteen to nineteen years of age, £1 17s. 6d. per week; from nineteen to twenty years of age, £2 7s. 6d. per week; from twenty to twenty-one years of age, £2 17s. 6d. per week; from twenty-one to twenty-two years of age, £3 2s. 6d. per week; over twenty-two years of age, £3 12s. 6d. per week.

“(b.) The minimum rate of wages which shall be paid to drivers of twenty-two years of age and upwards shall be £3 12s. 6d. per week.

“(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, Christchurch.

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

“(e.) The employment shall be a weekly employment, and no deduction shall be made from the week's wages for public holidays. Time lost by a worker through illness or default may be deducted from his wages.”

2. Clause 3 of the said award (as amended by paragraph 1 of the said order) shall be deleted, and the following provisions shall apply:—

“3. To the minimum rates above prescribed there shall be added, unless and until the Court otherwise orders, a bonus of 2s.

per week in the case of all workers under the age of twenty-two years, and a bonus of 4s. per week in the case of all workers over the age of twenty-two years.”

3. This order shall operate and take effect as from the 1st day of January, 1920.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.
