

(5546.) SOUTHLAND PROVINCIAL DISTRICT PAINTERS AND DECORATORS.—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 Southland Provincial District Painters and Decorators' award dated the 16th day of April, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 428.

UPON reading the application of the Southland Painters' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 30th day of October, 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 in lieu thereof the following provisions shall apply:—

“ 2. (a.) All journeymen working at any branch of the trade shall be paid not less than 1s. 7½d. per hour.

“(b.) In addition to the minimum rate above prescribed there shall be paid to such workers a bonus of 3½d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

2. Clause 3 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“ 3. (a.) All time worked beyond the time mentioned in clause 1 hereof shall be considered overtime, and shall be paid for as follows: Time and a half for the first three hours after the ordinary hour of ceasing work, and thereafter double time until the ordinary hour for commencing work next morning.

“(b.) If a workman is required to commence work before 8 a.m. on any working-day he shall, if the hour at which he is required to commence his work be earlier than 6 a.m., be paid double time for all time worked up to 8 a.m., and if the said hour of commencement is not earlier than 6 a.m. he shall be paid time and a half for work done up to 8 a.m.

“(c.) Any work done on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Labour Day shall be paid for at the rate of double time, and on any of the holidays at the rate of time and a half.

“(d.) In computing the amount payable for overtime under this clause the bonus hereinbefore mentioned shall be excluded from the computation.”

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

Dated this 19th day of December, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

By the above order the Court has fixed the basic wage for journeymen painters and decorators at 1s. 7½d. per hour as in other centres. It has also added a bonus of 3½d. per hour, being the bonus of 2½d. per hour as formerly granted in respect of the increased cost of living up to the end of March, 1919, and an additional bonus of 1d. per hour to cover the further increased cost of living as ascertained by the Government Statistician in his recent investigations. The Court has also amended the overtime clause so as to bring it into conformity with other amendments relating to overtime made in awards in other industries.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.