(5547.) GREEN ISLAND IRON-ROLLING MILL EMPLOYEES.— INTERIM 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 an industrial dispute between the Green Island Iron-rolling Mill Employees' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the Otago Iron-rolling

Mills Company (Limited) (hereinafter called "the employer"). THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Court"), having taken into consideration the matter of the abovementioned dispute, and having heard the union by its representatives duly appointed, and having also heard the employer by its representatives duly appointed, doth hereby order and award :—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employer, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employer, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employer shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that the sum of $\pounds 100$ shall be the maximum penalty payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect from the 1st day of January, 1920, and shall continue in force until the 1st day of January, 1921, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 90 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act. 1908.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 19th day of December, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Rates of Pay.

1. (a.) The rates of pay for pieceworkers and for hourly workers shall continue as at present.

(b.) In addition to the said rates there shall be paid to all adult workers a bonus of 4s. per week, and to all youths and boys a bonus of 2s. per week.

Overtime.

2. All time worked in excess of the present hours of work in any one day shall be considered overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate (excluding bonus) of time and a half for the first three hours and thereafter double time.

General Conditions.

3. The general conditions of work shall continue as at present.

Term of Award.

4. This award shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 1920, and shall continue in force until the 1st day of January, 1921, or until it shall be superseded by another award (the right to make which at any time is hereby reserved), whichever shall first happen.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the said Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 19th day of December, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The Court had not sufficient material placed before it to enable it to make an award dealing with the various questions raised in this dispute, nor had the Court sufficient time at its disposal to make further and fuller investigation into such questions. A temporary award has therefore been made, which, while securing to the workers the present rates of pay and general conditions of work, gives them a bonus to compensate them for the recent increase in the cost of living.

The Court recommends the parties to meet together in friendly conference with a view to settle the various questions in dispute. If the parties fail to hold such conference, or if as a result of a conference any questions remain unsettled, the Court will at its next sittings in Dunedin be prepared to rehear the case and to make an award.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.