(5171.) OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND COACHWORKERS AND WHEEL-WRIGHTS.—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 and Southland Coachworkers and Wheelwrights' award dated the 18th day of October, 1916, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xvii, p. 1038.

Upon reading the application of the Otago Coachworkers and Wheelwrights' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 15th day of January, 1919, and after hearing the representative of the said union and the representative of the employers, this Court, having regard to all the relevant considerations and being of opinion that it is just and equitable to amend the said award, and in pursuance and exercise of the powers contained in the said Acts and of every other power in that behalf enabling it, doth hereby order that the said award shall be amended in manner following, that is to say—

1. Clause 3 of the said award shall be deleted, and the follow-

ing clause substituted therefor:-

"3. (a.) Wages shall be paid on an hourly basis.

"(b.) The wages for journeymen coachworkers shall be not less than 1s. $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. per hour.

"(c.) Wages shall be paid in full weekly or fortnightly, and

within ten minutes after the hour for ceasing work.

"(d.) In addition to the above wages there shall be paid to the said journeymen a bonus of $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order."

2. Clause 6 of the said award shall be deleted, and the follow-

ing clause substituted therefor: -

"6. An apprentice having completed his term of apprenticeship may be employed as an improver for two consecutive years after the expiration of his apprenticeship, either by the employer with whom he has been apprenticed or by any other employer, at not less than 1s. 3d. per hour for the first twelve months and 1s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour for the next twelve months."

3. Subclauses (c) and (d) of clause 9 of the said award shall be

deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:

"(c.) The minimum wage for helpers shall be as follows: From the age of fifteen to sixteen years, at the rate of 15s. per week; from the age of sixteen to seventeen years, at the rate of £1 per week; from the age of seventeen to eighteen years, at the rate of £1 5s. per week; from the age of eighteen to nineteen years, at the rate of £1 10s. per week; from the age of nineteen to twenty years, at the rate of £1 15s. per week; from the age of twenty to twenty-one years, at the rate of £2 per week; over twenty-one years of age, 1s. 3d. per hour.

"(d.) Extra helpers above the number specified may be taken on at not less than 1s. 3d. per hour."

4. This order shall operate and take effect from the 21st day of April, 1919.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.