(5178.) CANTERBURY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT METAL-WORKERS' 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 Canterbury Industrial District Metalworkers' Assistants' award dated the 28th day of January, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 1.

UPON reading the application of the Christchurch Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers' (including Brass-finishers, Range-workers, Metal-workers' Assistants, Electrical Workers, Tinsmiths and Sheet-metal Workers, and Cycle-workers) Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 20th day of March, 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 following clause substituted therefor: —

"3. (a.) The following shall be the minimum rates of wages: Furnacemen, 1s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour; work done on ships or marineboiler repair work, 1s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour; machinists not covered by other awards, 1s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour; all others, 1s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour.

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

2. Clause 4 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following clause substituted therefor :---

"4. The wages of boys and youths shall be as follows: Under fifteen years of age, 15s. per week; from fifteen to sixteen years of age, £1 per week; from sixteen to seventeen years of age, £1 7s. 6d. per week; from seventeen to eighteen years of age, £1 15s. per week; from eighteen to nineteen years of age, £2 2s. 6d. per week; from nineteen to twenty years of age, £2 10s. per week; and thereafter the minimum rate of wages herein prescribed."

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

Dated this 5th day of April, 1919.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.