

(5182.) CHRISTCHURCH GASWORKS EMPLOYEES.—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 Christchurch Gasworks Employees' award dated the 24th day of April, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 319.

UPON reading the application of the Christchurch Gasworks Employees' Industrial Union of Workers filed herein on the 19th day of March, 1919, and after hearing the representative of the said union and the representative of the Christchurch Gas, Coal, and

Coke Company (Limited), 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. The following subclause shall be added to clause 2 of the said award:—

“(n.) Notwithstanding the above subclauses all the workers above mentioned whose wages and bonus do not together amount to 1s. 4½d. per hour shall receive such additional payment as may be required to bring up their respective earnings to 1s. 4½d. per hour.”

2. 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.

MEMORANDUM.

As the award above mentioned was based (except in one respect) upon the agreement of the parties, and deals with a variety of workers, the Court has disturbed the agreement as little as possible. The award terminates in about nine months' time, and the whole question of wages and classification will then be open to review. In the meantime the Court has given some relief to the lowest-paid workers, who are affected most by the increased cost of living.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.