(5681.) OAMARU (FOUR-MILES RADIUS) BUTCHERS.—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 Oamaru (Four-miles Radius) Butchers' award dated the 31st day of July, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 679.

Upon reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 20th day of February, 1920, 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, and by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred by 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 2 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following

provisions substituted therefor:-

"2. (a.) Workers shall be paid not less than the wages specified in the following scale: First shopman or man in charge, £4 7s. 6d. per week; second shopman, £3 17s. 6d. per week; first small-goods man, £4 7s. 6d. per week; all other workers employed in connection with the business, including shopmen, small-goods men, carters in charge of hawking or order carts, and general hands, £3 12s. 6d. per week.

"(b.) The wages hereinbefore prescribed are weekly wages, and are not subject to any deduction save for time lost through the

default or illness of the worker.

"(c.) Any worker receiving a higher rate of wages than the minimum rate herein prescribed shall not have his wages reduced.

"(d.) In addition to the rates above prescribed there shall be paid to such workers a bonus of 5s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order."

2. The following clause shall be substituted for clause 3 of the

said award, which is hereby deleted :-

"3. All casual workers shall be paid at the rate of not less than 2s. per hour, with a minimum of six hours for any day on which such workers shall be employed."

3. The following additional subclause shall be added to clause 4

of the said award:

" (c.) In addition to the rates above prescribed there shall be paid to such boys or youths a bonus of 2s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order."

4. The following additional subclause shall be added to clause 5

of the said award:-

"(c.) A holiday of one week on full pay shall be granted to each worker under this award on completion of each year of service, or the worker may be paid a week's wages in lieu thereof at the option of the employer."

5. This order so far as relates to the bonuses of 5s. per week and 2s. per week respectively shall come into force and take effect as from the 1st day of January, 1920, and so far as all the other provisions of this order are concerned it shall come into force on the 5th day of April, 1920.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.