

(5568.) WELLINGTON (THIRTY-MILES RADIUS) GROCERS' ASSISTANTS AND DRIVERS.—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington 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 Wellington (Thirty-miles Radius) Grocers' Assistants and Drivers' award dated the 13th day of March, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 80; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 4th day of August, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 765.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 20th day of January, 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. The said order dated the 4th day of August, 1919, is hereby cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

2. Clause 2 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“ 2. (a.) The minimum rates of wages which shall be paid to grocers' assistants shall be as follows: From fifteen to sixteen years of age, 15s. per week; from sixteen to seventeen years of age, £1 per week; from seventeen to eighteen years of age, £1 7s. 6d. per week; from eighteen to nineteen years of age, £1 17s. 6d. per week; from nineteen to twenty years of age, £2 7s. 6d. per week; from twenty to twenty-one years of age, £2 17s. 6d. per week; from twenty-one to twenty-two years of age, £3 2s. 6d. per week; over twenty-two years of age, £3 12s. 6d. per week.

“(b.) The minimum rate of wages which shall be paid to drivers of twenty-two years of age and upwards shall be £3 12s. 6d. per week.

“(c.) Drivers under the age of twenty-two years shall be paid according to the scale above prescribed for assistants under the age of twenty-two years. No youth under the age of eighteen years shall be employed in driving within five miles of the Chief Post-office, Wellington.

“(d.) An assistant may act as a driver or a driver as an assistant.

“(e.) In addition to the minimum rates above prescribed there shall be paid, unless and until the Court shall otherwise order, a bonus of 2s. per week to all workers under the age of twenty-two years, and a bonus of 4s. per week to all workers over the age of twenty-two years.”

3. This order shall operate and take effect as from the 1st day of January, 1920.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

In addition to granting the bonus to cover the increased cost of living the Court has amended the basic wages in order to bring the workers in this industry in the Wellington District up to the level of the workers in this industry in the Canterbury District.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.