

(5569.) WELLINGTON (TWENTY-FIVE-MILES RADIUS) TIMBER-YARDS AND SAWMILLS' EMPLOYEES.—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 (Twenty-five-miles Radius) Timber-yards and Sawmills Employees' award dated the 7th day of March, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 65; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 2nd day of August, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 757.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 26th 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 2nd day of August, 1919, is hereby cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

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

“ 4. (a.) First-class machinist, 1s. 7½d. per hour; other (second-class) machinists, 1s. 5½d. per hour; first sawyer, 1s. 6½d. per hour; other (second) sawyer, 1s. 4½d. per hour; boxmakers, 1s. 4½d. per hour; coopers, 1s. 4½d. per hour; head yardman, £3 10s. per week; yardmen, 1s. 4½d. per hour; yard labourers, 1s. 4½d. per hour; casual labourers, 1s. 4½d. per hour.

“Coopers: Any employer who employs coopers may arrange with these workers to work piecework on a log to be arranged with such workers.

“(b.) In addition to the wages above prescribed there shall be paid to the workers above mentioned a bonus of 2½d. per hour to hourly workers, and 9s. per week to weekly workers. This bonus shall continue during the currency of the award.”

3. Clause 5 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“ 5. (a.) Employers may employ youths at not less than the following rates of wages per week: Sixteen to seventeen years of age, £1 per week; seventeen to eighteen years of age, £1 5s. per week; eighteen to nineteen years of age, £1 10s. per week; nineteen to twenty years of age, £1 17s. 6d. per week; twenty to twenty-one years of age, £2 5s. per week.

“(b.) In addition to the wages above prescribed there shall be paid to the workers above mentioned a bonus of 2s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

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

Dated this 16th day of February, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.