

(5897.) OTAGO PROVINCIAL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTRICAL WORKERS.—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 Otago Provincial District General Electrical Workers' award dated the 1st day of September, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 918; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 10th day of March, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 202.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 26th day of May, 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 10th day of March, 1920, is hereby cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

2. Clauses 2, 3, and 4 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following clauses substituted therefor:—

“ 2. (a.) Electricians: Journeymen electricians shall be paid not less than 2s. per hour.

“(b.) Any journeyman who is placed in charge of work on which three or more journeymen are employed shall, in addition to the ordinary journeyman’s wages, receive 1s. per day.

“3. (a.) Linesmen shall be paid not less than 1s. 10½d. per hour.

“(b.) Assistant linesmen shall be paid not less than 1s. 7d. per hour.

“(c.) Helpers in power stations, if not otherwise provided for, 1s. 7d. per hour.

“(d.) If linesmen’s assistants are temporarily employed as linesmen they shall be paid at linesmen’s rates of pay for such time as they are so employed, provided that if they are so employed for any period they shall be paid not less than two hours at the linesman’s rate of pay.

“(e.) When linesmen or linesmen’s assistants are employed as meter-readers they shall be paid the wages fixed for these classes of workers.

“4. The minimum wages prescribed in clauses 2 and 3 hereof shall be increased by a bonus of 3d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

3. The following subclause shall be added to clause 9 of the said award:—

“(p.) The minimum rates above prescribed for apprentices shall be increased by a bonus of 5s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

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

Dated this 11th day of June, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.