

(5934.) CANTERBURY CLERKS, CASHIERS, AND OFFICE EMPLOYEES
(GAS COMPANIES' EMPLOYEES).—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 an industrial dispute between the Christchurch Clerks, Cashiers, and Office Employees' (Gas Companies Employees' Section) Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

Ashburton Gas, Coal, and Coke Company (Limited), Ashburton.

Christchurch Gas, Coal, and Coke Company (Limited), 77 Worcester Street, Christchurch.

Timaru Gas Company (Limited), 245 Stafford Street, Timaru.

THE COURT of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Court"), having taken into consideration the matter of the above-mentioned dispute, and having heard the union by its representatives duly appointed, and having also heard such of the employers as were represented either in person or by their representatives duly appointed, doth hereby order and award :—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that the sum of £100 shall be the maximum penalty payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect from the 1st day of July, 1920, and shall continue in force until the 1st day of July, 1922, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 90 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 21st day of June, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Classes of Workers.

1. This award shall apply to workers employed principally in writing, typing, or any form of clerical work in the office in which they are engaged. It shall not apply to persons who are substantially employed as messengers, or to persons who are in receipt of £300 per annum or over.

Hours of Work and Overtime.

2. Any time worked beyond forty-eight hours in any one week, or nine hours in any one day, or on the statutory half-holiday shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half, but in no case shall the rate be less than 9d. per hour.

Wages.

3. (a.) The minimum rates of pay shall be:—

	Males.			Females.		
	Per Week.			Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
First year	1	0	0	1	0	0
Second year	1	5	0	1	5	0
Third year	1	10	0	1	10	0
Fourth year	2	0	0	1	15	0
Fifth year	2	12	0	2	0	0
And thereafter	4	0	0	2	0	0

Male workers of the age of twenty-five years with not less than five years' experience shall receive £4 4s. per week.

(b.) In addition to the wages above prescribed there shall be paid to male workers with not less than five years' experience a bonus of 6s. per week, and to female workers with not less than four years' experience 5s. per week, and to all other workers 3s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

(c.) Meter-readers shall be paid the following rate of wages: £3 14s. per week and a bicycle allowance of 2s. 6d. per week.

(d.) In addition to the above rate of wages the workers shall be paid a bonus of 6s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

(e.) Holders of a Matriculation or Senior Civil Service pass shall receive 5s. per week additional to above rates. Holders of a pass certificate in commercial accountancy shall receive a further 5s. per week additional.

(f.) Workers over nineteen years of age entering an office without previous office experience shall be treated as if commencing the third year, and shall thereafter be paid according to the above scale.

Casual Workers.

4. (a.) Casual workers may be employed at not less than 25 per cent. over the above rates, but by the hour.

(b.) A "casual worker" is one who is not employed continuously for more than two weeks.

Holidays.

5. (a.) The following shall be the recognized holidays: New Year's Day, Show Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Sovereign's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

(b.) Workers required to work on such holidays shall be paid at double-time rates.

(c.) One holiday of one week on full pay shall be granted to each worker under this award on completion of each year of service and at a time to be mutually arranged between the employer and the worker.

Tea-money.

6. (a.) Where possible twenty-four hours' notice shall be given to any employee who shall be required to work overtime, and those working overtime shall be allowed 1s. tea-money.

(b.) Under exceptional circumstances a shorter notice may be given by mutual arrangement between the worker and the employer concerned, and in such cases 1s. 6d. tea-money shall be allowed.

Under-rate Workers.

7. (a.) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b.) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c.) Notwithstanding the foregoing it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d.) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Factories of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e.) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Preference.

8. (a.) If any employer shall hereafter engage any worker coming within the scope of this award who shall not be a member of the union, and who shall not become a member thereof within fourteen days after his engagement and remain such member, the employer shall dismiss such worker from his service if requested to do so by the union, provided there is then a member of the union equally qualified to perform the particular work required to be done, and ready and willing to undertake the same.

(b.) The provisions of the foregoing clause shall operate only if and so long as the rules of the union shall permit any worker coming within the scope of this award of good character and sober habits to become a member of the union upon payment of an entrance fee not exceeding 5s., upon a written application, without ballot or other election, and to continue a member upon payment of subsequent contributions not exceeding 6d. per week.

Scope of Award.

9. This award shall operate throughout the Industrial District of Canterbury.

Term of Award.

10. This award shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1920, and shall continue in force until the 1st day of July, 1922.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the said Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 21st day of June, 1920.

____ T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

This award embodies without alteration the recommendations of the Conciliation Council, which the parties agreed to accept.

____ T. W. STRINGER, Judge.