

(5943.) CANTERBURY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT WHOLESALE MERCHANTS' STOREMEN AND PACKERS.—ORDER AMENDING 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 the War Legislation and Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918; and in the matter of the Canterbury Industrial District Wholesale Merchants' Storemen and Packers' award dated the 8th day of September, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 993; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 12th day of December, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 1467.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 31st 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 12th day of December, 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.) Storemen and packers over the age of twenty-one years substantially employed at work usually performed by storemen and packers, such as receiving delivery of, packing, and despatching of goods, shall be paid not less than the following wages, viz.: Head storemen or packers in charge of two or more men other than casuals, £4 per week; storemen or packers, £3 10s. per week.

“ (b.) To the rates prescribed in subclause (a) hereof there shall be added a bonus of 10s. per week unless and until the Court otherwise orders.

“ (c.) Where wages are at present in excess of those provided they shall not be reduced.”

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

“3. (a.) Junior storemen or packers shall be paid in accordance with the following scale: Under seventeen years of age, £1 per week; from seventeen to eighteen years of age, £1 5s. per week; from eighteen to nineteen years of age, £1 10s. per week; from nineteen to twenty years of age, £1 15s. per week; from twenty to twenty-one years of age, £2 per week; and thereafter the minimum wage.

“ (b.) To the rates prescribed in subclause (a) hereof there shall be added, unless and until the Court otherwise orders, the following bonuses, viz.: To those under seventeen years of age, 6s. 6d. per

week; from seventeen to eighteen years of age, 7s. per week; from eighteen to nineteen years of age, 7s. 6d. per week; from nineteen to twenty years of age, 8s. per week; from twenty to twenty-one years of age, 8s. 6d. per week."

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

"4. Workers employed for less than one week shall be deemed to be casual workers, and shall be paid not less than 1s. 8½d. per hour, with overtime at the rate of 2s. 5d. per hour, calculated in accordance with the provisions of clause 11 hereof."

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

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The bonuses prescribed for junior storemen and packers under this order include the 10-per-cent. bonus granted by the award, but the total bonuses have been commuted into weekly sums in order to simplify the computation.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.