

(6012.) OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND FREEZING-WORKS AND RELATED TRADES (CHEMICAL MANURE, SOAP, AND CANDLE WORKERS).—ORDER AMENDING INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT.

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 and Southland Freezing-works and Related Trades (Chemical Manure, Soap, and Candle Workers) industrial agreement dated the 10th day of November, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 1363; and in the matter of an order amending the said agreement dated the 29th day of March, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 299.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said agreement filed herein on the 21st day of May, 1920, and upon hearing the duly appointed representatives of the said union and of the employers parties to the said agreement, this Court, having regard to all the relevant considerations and being of opinion that it is just and equitable to amend the said agreement, 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 agreement shall be amended in manner following, that is to say—

1. The said order dated the 29th day of March, 1920, is hereby cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

2. Clause 2 of the said industrial agreement is deleted, and the following clause is substituted therefor:—

“ 2. (a.) The following shall be the minimum rate of wages to be paid respectively to the special classes of workers, that is to say: Manure workers, including chemical, 1s. 8d. per hour; tallow workers, 1s. 8d. per hour; soap and candle workers, 1s. 7d. per hour; continuous-shift workers in acid-works, 1s. 9½d. per hour. Workers on extra shifts shall be paid 1d. per hour additional to the foregoing rates.

“ (b.) Men engaged chipping boilers or digesters, cleaning boiler-flues, or working in acid-towers shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for such work ”

3. Clause 4 of the said agreement is hereby deleted, and the following clause substituted therefor:—

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

4. This order shall operate and take effect as from the date hereof.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.