

(6045.) WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FURNITURE TRADES.—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 Industrial District Furniture Trades' award dated the 28th day of February, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 87.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 11th 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. Clause 2 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“2. (a.) The minimum wage to be paid to journeymen cabinet-makers, upholsterers, chair and frame makers, machinists, wood-carvers, turners, and polishers shall be 2s. per hour; and for picture-frame makers and wire-mattress makers in all branches 1s. 10½d. per hour.

“(b.) Labourers employed at timber-stacking, furniture-packing, or other unskilled work shall be paid not less than 1s. 7d. per hour.

“(c.) The minimum rates prescribed in the preceding sub-clauses of this clause shall be increased by a bonus of 3d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

“(d.) Upholsterers' work shall include all kinds of bedding, planning and laying of carpets and linoleums, also fixing of drapings.

“(e.) Wages shall be paid weekly on the employer's premises, and within five minutes of work ceasing.

“(f.) One hour's notice shall be given on either side before dismissal or leaving employment, during which time the worker shall have the right to sharpen his tools if they require sharpening, or one hour's extra time shall be paid, and in such case wages are to be paid immediately.”

2. Subclause (a) of clause 5 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“(a.) An employer taking an apprentice to learn the trade as carried on by the employer shall be deemed to undertake the duty which he agrees to perform as a duty enforceable under this award, and shall pay such apprentice not less than the undermentioned rates of wages, namely: For the first year, 15s. per week; for the

second year, £1 2s. 6d. per week; for the third year, £1 10s. per week; for the fourth year, £1 17s. 6d. per week; for the fifth year, £2 10s. per week.”

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

Dated this 30th day of July, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.
