

(6115.) WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT ENGINE-DRIVERS.—
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 Engine-drivers' award dated the 26th day of June, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 492; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 14th day of February, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 20.

UPON reading the applications of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 5th and 21st days 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 14th day of February, 1920, is hereby cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

2. Clause 5 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“5. The following shall be the minimum rates of wages to be paid to engine-drivers who are in charge of any boiler within the meaning of the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1908, and its amendments:—

“(a.) Where the work that the engine-driver is employed to do requires that he shall hold a first-class certificate as a stationary-engine driver, and he is the holder of such a certificate, 14s. 2d. per day.

“(b.) Where the work he is employed to do requires that he shall hold a second-class certificate as a stationary-engine driver, and he is the holder of such a certificate, 13s. 2d. per day.

“(c.) For work requiring a traction or locomotive certificate for engines moving from place to place by their own motive power, 14s. 2d. per day.

“(d.) Firemen, 12s. 8d. per day; greasers, 12s. 8d. per day.

“(e.) Where any worker under this award is required to get up steam when starting work, or to bank fires when ceasing work, and this involves his working outside his ordinary working-hours, he shall be paid, in addition to the aforesaid wages, the sum of 1s. for each day on which he is so employed.

“(f.) The minimum rates above prescribed in clause 5, sub-clauses (a), (b), (c), and (d), shall be increased by a bonus of 1s. per day unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

3. Clause 8 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“8. (a.) Nothing in this award shall apply to youths up to the age of eighteen years employed in firing or assisting in firing. This clause shall be read as expressly subject to the provisions of the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1908.

“(b.) Youths employed as firemen shall be paid the following rates: Eighteen and under nineteen years of age, 9½d. per hour; nineteen and under twenty years of age, 11½d. per hour; firemen over twenty years of age shall be paid the minimum rate of wages prescribed in clause 5 (d) hereof.

“(c.) The minimum rates above prescribed for youths in clause 8, subclause (b), shall be increased by a bonus of 1d. per hour 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 4th day of September, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The Court reserves power to review the basic wages under this award after hearing the dispute in the Northern Industrial District.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.