

6169.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (EXCEPT GISBORNE JUDICIAL DISTRICT) FURNITURE TRADE.—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern 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 Northern District (except Gisborne Judicial District) Furniture Trade award dated the 13th day of May, 1918, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 417; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 4th day of March, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 141, and of the further order amending the said award dated the 9th day of April, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 364.

Upon reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 28th 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 orders dated the 4th day of March, 1919, and the 9th day of April, 1920, are hereby cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

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

“(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 shall be 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.

“(b.) (1.) The minimum rates prescribed in the preceding sub-clause of this clause shall be increased by a bonus of 3d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

3. Clause 12 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“12. (a.) In addition to the rates of payment provided for apprentices, female workers, and helpers respectively by clauses 5 (a), 5 (n), 7, and 10 hereof, there shall be paid to such workers an addition to such respective wages of 10 per cent. thereon unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

“(b.) In addition to the bonus provided by the preceding sub-clause there shall be paid to such workers a bonus of 5s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

4. This order shall operate and take effect as from the 1st day of May, 1920, and shall cease to operate upon the coming into operation of the new award.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.