

(6176.) AUCKLAND (TEN-MILES RADIUS) DAIRY EMPLOYEES.—
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 Auckland (Ten-miles Radius) Dairy Employees' award the 8th day of February, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 1; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 28th day of October, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 1284; and of the further order amending the said award, dated the 14th day of April, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 389.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 22nd day of June, 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 28th day of October, 1919, and the 14th day of April, 1920, respectively are 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.) All retailers shall be paid a minimum wage of £3 5s. per week; and in addition to this sum they shall also be paid a commission to be computed upon the average excess of moneys received for milk sold by them over and above the following basis, and at the rate of 20 per cent. upon such excess sums: When the milk is sold at 3d. per quart the basis shall be £13 10s.; when the milk is sold at 3½d. per quart the basis shall be £14 10s.; when the milk is sold at 4d. per quart the basis shall be £15 10s., and so on in proportionate increases of £1 for each ½d. per quart increase in the price of milk. Such average shall be ascertained once in every four weeks.

“(b.) The commission shall be paid every four weeks. In the case of rounds where the total weekly value of the milk sold is higher than the basis, should the cash collected during the four weeks be less than the basis such shortage shall be deducted from the cash collected during each succeeding four-weekly period until the shortage is made up: Provided that in the case of rounds where the weekly value of the milk sold is under the basis this provision shall not apply until after the total value of the weekly sales is higher than the basis.

“(c.) When a milk-retailer is required to collect accounts other than his milk accounts he shall receive an additional commission of 5 per cent. on the gross takings in respect of such accounts.

“(d.) All wages shall be paid not later than Wednesday of each week.

“(e.) Each worker shall be supplied by his employer with one quart of milk per day free of charge.

“(f.) The minimum wage prescribed in subclause (a) of this clause shall be increased by a bonus of 15s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

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

Dated this 25th day of September, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.