(6382.) TARANAKI INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, GROCERS' ASSISTANTS.— ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Taranaki 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 Taranaki Industrial District Grocers Assistants' award dated the 16th day of April, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 463; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 20th day of May, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 545.

Upon reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 11th day of November, 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 20th day of May, 1920, is 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 rates of wages which shall be paid to grocers' assistants shall be as follows: From fifteen to sixteen years of age, 15s. per week; from sixteen to seventeen years of age,

£1 0s. 6d. per week; from seventeen to eighteen years of age, £1 8s. 6d. per week; from eighteen to nineteen years of age,

£1 19s. 6d. per week; from nineteen to twenty years of age,

£2 10s. 6d. per week; from twenty to twenty-one years of age,

£2 19s. per week; from twenty-one to twenty-two years of age,

£3 5s. per week; over twenty-two years of age, £3 16s. 6d. per week.

"(b.) The minimum rate of wages which shall be paid to drivers of the age of twenty-two years and upwards shall be £3 16s. 6d. per week."

3. Subclause (h) of clause 2 of the said award shall be deleted,

and the following provisions substituted therefor:

"(h.) The minimum rates prescribed in subclauses (a) and (b) of this clause shall be increased by the amounts of the following bonuses respectively unless and until the Court shall otherwise order: Adult male workers, by a bonus of 9s. per week; adult female workers, by a bonus of 4s. 6d. per week; male and female workers other than adults, by a bonus of 4s. per week."

4. This order shall operate and take effect as from the 1st day

of November, 1290.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.