

(6396.) WELLINGTON SHOP TAILORESSES.—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 Shop Tailoresses' award dated the 3rd day of April, 1912, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xiii, p. 195; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 31st day of August, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 1420.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 8th 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 31st day of August, 1920, is hereby cancelled, and the following provisions substituted therefor.

2. Clause 14 of the said award shall be deleted and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“ 14. (a.) The minimum wage for women employed on weekly wages, including machinists and tailoresses on ladies' work shall be £1 15s. per week for the first six months after completion of apprenticeship, and thereafter not less than £2 per week.

“(b.) When other than weekly hands are employed at ladies’ tailoring, the work may be done, at the option of the employer, either at log rates or at the minimum rate of 1s. 1½d. per hour by the clock.

“(c.) The minimum rates prescribed in subclause (a) of this clause shall be increased by a bonus of 6s. 6d. per week, and the earnings of any worker under subclause (b) of this clause shall be increased by a bonus of 6s. 6d. per week, and such bonuses shall be paid unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

3. Clause 15 of the said award shall be deleted, and the following provisions substituted therefor:—

“15. (a.) A first-class machinist shall be one working for an average of thirteen workers, or if for a less number, one who can fill up her spare time in making a garment. The minimum weekly wages shall be £2.

“(b.) Second-class machinists shall include all those who do not come within the definition of a first-class machinist. The minimum weekly wages shall be £1 15s.

“(c.) The weekly wages prescribed in subclauses (a) and (b) of this clause shall be increased by a bonus of 6s. 6d. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

4. The minimum rate of 8d. per hour appearing at the head of the time statement attached to the said award shall be deleted and the words “10d. per hour” shall be substituted therefor: In addition to the earnings of any worker working under the said time statement there shall be paid to such worker a bonus of 6s. 6d. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

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

Dated this 21st day of December, 1920.

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.