

(6544.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (EXCEPT AUCKLAND TEN-MILES RADIUS) LOCAL BODIES' LABOURERS.—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 Industrial District (except Auckland Ten-miles Radius) Local Bodies' Labourers' award dated the 14th day of October, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 1793.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 20th day of December, 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. Subclause (c) of clause 2 of the said award is hereby deleted, and the following provision substituted therefor:—

“(c.) The minimum rates prescribed in subclause (a) of this clause shall be increased by the following bonuses unless and until the Court shall otherwise order: By a bonus of 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour to workers on hourly wages (except casual labourers and yardmen, who shall be paid a bonus of 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour), by a bonus of 2s. 6d. per day to workers on daily wages, and by a bonus of 13s. per week to workers on weekly wages.”

2. This order shall be deemed to operate and take effect as from the 1st day of November, 1920.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1921.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

In connection with this application the Court has adjusted the bonus payable to casual labourers and yardmen so as to bring their remuneration into conformity with that fixed for workers performing similar work in other parts of the Dominion. The basic rates fixed for these classes of workers were, owing to a misunderstanding, fixed by the award at  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per hour above the standard, and the granting of the bonus was opposed on account of this. A majority of the Court has decided to rectify the error, but without imposing any reduction to compensate for overpayment in the past.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.