(6595.) OTAGO PROVINCIAL DISTRICT RETAIL SHOP-ASSISTANTS (HARDWARE SECTION).—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland 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 Otago Provincial District Retail Shop-assistants' (Hardware Section) award dated the 15th day of March, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 181; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 11th day of June, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 806.

Upon reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 23rd 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. The said order dated the 11th day of June, 1920, is hereby

cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

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

and the following subclause substituted therefor:

"(e.) The minimum rates above prescribed shall, unless and until the Court shall otherwise order, be increased by the following bonuses, viz.: To male assistants up to and including those in their fifth year of service, 6s. per week; to assistants in receipt of the minimum wage of £3 15s. per week, 13s. per week; to females over twenty-one years of age, 6s. 6d. per week; and to females under the age of twenty-one years, 6s. per week."

3. Subclause (b) of clause 4 of the said award shall be amended by increasing the bonus mentioned in the said subclause from 4s.

per week to 13s. per week.

4. Subclause (\bar{b}) of clause 5 of the said award shall be amended by increasing the respective bonuses mentioned in the said subclause by 4s. per week.

5. This order shall be deemed to operate and take effect as from

the 1st day of November, 1920.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1921.

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F. V. FRAZER, Judge.