

6601.) OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT MEAT PRESERVING AND CANNING WORKERS.—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 and Southland Industrial District Meat Preserving and Canning Workers' award dated the 17th day of December, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 1378; and in the matter of orders amend- in the said award dated the 22nd day of June and the 31st day of July, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, pp. 1016 and 1168.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 12th 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 orders dated respectively the 22nd day of June, 1920, and the 31st day of July, 1920, are hereby cancelled, and this order substituted therefor.

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

“ 2. (a.) Boners, 2s. per hour.

“ (b.) Preservers, 1s. 10d. per hour.

“ (c.) Chambermen, 1s. 9d. per hour.

“ (d.) All others, 1s. 3½d. per hour.

“ (e.) The above rates shall be increased, unless and until the Court shall otherwise order, by the following bonuses, viz.: To workers coming within subclauses (a), (b), and (c) hereof, 2½d. per hour; and to workers coming within subclause (d), 5¾d. per hour.”

3. The following subclause shall be added to clause 3 of the said award:—

“ (c.) The minimum rates prescribed in this clause shall be increased by a bonus of 3s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

4. The following subclause shall be added to clause 4 of the said award:—

“ (a.) The minimum rates prescribed in this clause shall be increased by a bonus of 5s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.”

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

Dated this 10th day of March, 1921.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The application for the November, 1920, bonus was opposed on the ground that the continuance of the industry would be endangered if any increase in wages were granted. The evidence showed that the business was being carried on at a loss, and that only two factories were now operating, and that their present operations were only of the nature of a test. The evidence was not contradicted. It appeared, however, that one class of workers was receiving less than the minimum wage fixed by the Court in its general pronouncement. The Court does not consider that the bonus should be refused to these workers, but cannot grant a further bonus to those workers who are receiving substantially more than a living-wage. We have accordingly added a further bonus of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour to the rates for the lowest-paid grade of workers, and have made no additional provision for the others.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.