

(6735.) CHRISTCHURCH TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES.—ORDER
AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Canterbury 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 Christchurch Tramway Employees' award dated the 1st day of June, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 554; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 30th day of June, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 995.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 2nd day of March, 1921, 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 30th day of June, 1920, is hereby cancelled, and this order substituted therefor.

2. The following subclause shall be added to clause 1 of the said award:—

“(c.) The minimum rates above prescribed shall be increased by a bonus of 2½d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order. In the computation of overtime rates the said bonus shall be excluded from the computation.”

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

Dated this 11th day of April, 1921.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The ground on which the application for increased basic rates of pay was made was that the Wellington Tramways employees had recently been granted higher rates than those payable under this award. As the Court indicated in its judgment of the 30th day of June, 1920 (Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 997), such a matter is not a “relevant consideration” within the meaning of the Act. The Court cannot treat this as a case in which an alteration in basic rates can properly be made in conformity with what is known as the Gisborne pronouncement, though the arguments put forward would be relevant if the matter came before the Court in the form of an application for a new award. The Court has granted the usual November, 1920, bonus. There was a suggestion that the

Tramways employees had not been accorded the same treatment as workers in other occupations; but the Court has declined to amend basic rates of wages in the Fellmongers and Tanners', Boot-manufacturing, Timber, and Clothing Trades during the currency of awards.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.
