

(6766.) CHRISTCHURCH LINOTYPE MECHANICS.—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 an industrial dispute between the Christchurch Printing Trades Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called “the union”) and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called “the employers”):—

Canterbury Publishing Company (Limited), Christchurch.

Christchurch Press Company (Limited), Christchurch.

Lyttelton Times Company (Limited), Christchurch.

THE COURT of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called “the Court”), having taken into consideration the matter of the above-mentioned dispute, and having heard the union by its representatives duly appointed, and having also heard such of the employers as were represented either in person or by their representatives duly appointed, and having also heard the witnesses called and

examined and cross-examined by and on behalf of the said parties respectively, doth hereby order and award:—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that the sum of £100 shall be the maximum penalty payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect from the 25th day of April, 1921, and shall continue in force until the 25th day of April, 1922, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 90 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 13th day of April, 1921.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Hours of Work.

1. (a.) Forty-two hours shall constitute a week's work. Any work in excess of eight hours in any one day or night shall be paid for as overtime.

(b.) The hours of starting and ceasing work shall be in accordance with the usages of the establishment. A break of not less than thirty minutes shall be allowed for meals.

Wages.

2. The minimum wages to be paid to the following workers shall be—First year, £1 per week; second year, £1 10s. per week; third year, £2 5s. per week; fourth year, £3 per week; thereafter, £5 per week. Head mechanic, if in charge of eight or more machines, 10s. per week additional; head mechanic, if in charge of twelve or more machines, 15s. per week additional.

Night-workers.

3. All night-workers shall receive 10 per cent. above these rates.

Chief Mechanic.

4. The head mechanic shall be the mechanic actually in charge of the linotype machines and working in the newsroom, but this definition shall not include the engineer in charge of the plant.

Overtime.

5. All work done in excess of the hours mentioned in clause 1 hereof shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours; thereafter double time until the ordinary time for commencing work.

Holidays.

6. (a.) Any employee required to work on Sunday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, or Good Friday shall be paid double rates, and if required to work on Labour Day time and a half. In the case of a morning newspaper the evening preceding each of these holidays shall be reckoned the holiday. For night-workers Sunday shall mean from noon on Saturday until noon on Sunday.

(b.) Double time shall mean twice the ordinary wage, and time and a half 50 per cent. more than the ordinary wage.

Annual Holiday.

7. On completion of twelve months' service all workers coming within the scope of this award shall be granted one week's continuous holiday on full pay. If any worker be dismissed or leaves before the completion of the year's service such worker shall be paid the proportion due, but not unless three months' service has been completed.

Termination of Engagement.

8. One week's notice of the intended termination of the engagement shall be given on either side.

Preference.

9. (a.) If any employer shall hereafter engage any worker coming within the scope of this award who shall not be a member of the union, and who shall not become a member thereof within fourteen days after his engagement and remain such member, the employer shall dismiss such worker from his service if requested to do so by the union, provided there is then a member of the union equally qualified to perform the particular work required to be done, and ready and willing to undertake the same.

(b.) The provisions of the foregoing clause shall operate only if and so long as the rules of the union shall permit any worker coming within the scope of this award of good character and sober

habits to become a member of the union upon payment of an entrance fee not exceeding 5s., upon a written application, without ballot or other election, and to continue a member upon payment of subsequent contributions not exceeding 6d. per week.

Under-rate Workers.

10. (a.) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b.) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c.) Notwithstanding the foregoing it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d.) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Factories of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e.) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Scope of Award.

11. The operation of this award is limited to the City of Christchurch, and it shall apply only to the parties named herein unless the Court hereafter shall order the same to apply to other parties.

Term of Award.

12. This award shall come into force on the 25th day of April, 1921, and shall continue in force until the 25th day of April, 1922.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereto set his hand, this 13th day of April, 1921.

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F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

Most of the provisions of this award were agreed to by the parties at the hearing. The clauses relating to hours, wages, and holidays have been settled by the Court.

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F. V. FRAZER, Judge.