

(6799.) WESTLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT ENGINE-DRIVERS, FIREMEN, PUMPMEN, ETC. (IN COAL-MINES).—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Westland 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 Westland Industrial District Engine-drivers, Firemen, Pumpmen, &c. (in Coal-mines) award dated the 29th day of July, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 1129.

UPON reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 27th 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 following subclause is hereby added to clause 1 of the said award:—

“(a.) In addition to the minimum rates of wages specified in this clause there shall be paid, unless and until the Court shall otherwise order, the following bonuses, viz.: To workers over

twenty-one years of age, a bonus of 6d. per shift; and to workers under the age of twenty-one years, a bonus of 2d. per shift.”

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

Dated this 3rd day of May, 1921.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge

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MEMORANDUM.

The application for the bonus was opposed on the ground that the wages fixed by the award were in excess of those prescribed for tradesmen and others working under other awards. This is so in some cases, but it is impossible to construct a new classification of workers at this stage, and the Court must accept the agreement of the parties as to the rates of wages embodied in the award, and grant a bonus commensurate with the increase in the cost of living up to 30th September, 1920.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.