(6948.) DUNEDIN WAX VESTA EMPLOYEES.—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 Dunedin Wax Vesta Employees' award dated the 23rd day of October, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 1994.

Upon reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 2nd day of July, 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. Clause 3 of the said award is hereby deleted, and the follow-

ing provision is substituted therefor:-

3. (a.) Piecework rates: Packers (plain), 6d. per tray; body hands, 1s. 3d. per barrel; royal-box makers (inners), 10d. per gross; royal-box makers (outers), 10d. per gross; royal-box packers, 1s. per tray.

" (b.) In addition to the rates above prescribed there shall be paid to pieceworkers a bonus at the rate of 3s. per week unless and until the

Court shall otherwise order.

"(c.) Weekly wages for girls: For the first six months, £1 per week; for the second six months, £1 5s. per week; for the second year, £1 12s.

per week; thereafter, £2 per week.

"(d.) In addition to the minimum rates prescribed in the preceding subclause 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 4s. 6d. per week; and to workers under the age of twenty-one years, a bonus of 4s. per week.

"(e.) Adult males employed in or about the factory, £3 16s. per week.

"(f.) In addition to the minimum rates prescribed in the preceding subclause there shall be paid to each worker a bonus of 3s. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order.

"(g.) In no case where an employee is prior to this award coming into force being paid a higher wage than herein provided shall such wage be reduced."

2. This order shall be deemed to operate and take effect as from the 1st day of May, 1921.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 1921.

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F. V. Frazer, Judge.