(6523.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT GENERAL ENGINEERS.—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern 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 Northern Industrial District General Engineers' award dated the 2nd day of June, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 586; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 25th day of September, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 1624.

Upon reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 6th 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 order dated the 25th day of September, 1920, is

hereby cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

2. Subclause (c) of clause 6 of the said award shall be deleted,

and the following provision substituted therefor:-

"(c.) The minimum rates of wages prescribed in this clause shall be increased by a bonus of $5\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour unless and until the Court shall otherwise order."

3. Subclause (a) of clause 14 of the said award is hereby amended

by adding the following paragraph thereto:

"In addition to the minimum rates of wages prescribed in this subclause there shall be paid a bonus of Is. per week unless and until the Court shall otherwise order."

4. This order shall be deemed to operate and take effect as from

the 1st day of November, 1920.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1921.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

This application was opposed on the ground that the retrospective operation of the May, 1920, bonus had cost the employers a large sum of money, for which they had made no provision in their charges. It was contended by them that, although in April, 1920, they had agreed that the scale of wages then offered and accepted should carry all future bonuses, they did not anticipate the granting of the May bonus. The Court, however, in September last overruled this plea, and granted the May bonus.

No evidence has been adduced to show that the employers are unable to make provision to meet the November, 1920, bonus, and the evidence as to the cost of the retrospective May bonus related to a matter that the Court had disposed of last year. The Court is of opinion that no alteration can be made during the currency of

the present award.

[L.S.]

F. V. Frazer, Judge.

(6524.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (EXCEPT GISBORNE JUDICIAL DISTRICT) TAILORESSES (SHIRT AND WHITE WORKERS).—ORDER AMENDING AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern 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 Northern Industrial District (except Gisborne Judicial District) Tailoresses' (Shirt and White Workers) award dated the 20th day of October, 1919, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xx, p. 1171; and in the matter of an order amending the said award dated the 30th day of September, 1920, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxi, p. 1673.

Upon reading the application of the union party to the said award filed herein on the 19th 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 order dated the 30th day of September, 1920, is

hereby cancelled, and this order is substituted therefor.

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

"(c.) Unless and until the Court shall otherwise order the minimum rates prescribed in subclause (a) hereof for apprentices and improvers shall be increased by a bonus of 6s. per week, and the