

(7270.) AUCKLAND GAS COMPANIES' EMPLOYEES.—SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT WITH THE AUCKLAND GAS COMPANY (LIMITED), AND THE BIRKENHEAD AND NORTHCOTE GAS COMPANY (LIMITED), UNDER THE LABOUR DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT, 1913.

THIS agreement is made in pursuance of the Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913, this 20th day of July, 1922, between the Auckland Gas Company (Limited) and the Birkenhead and Northcote Gas Company (Limited) (hereinafter referred to as "the employers") of the one part, and the Auckland Gas Employees' Union (Incorporated) (hereinafter referred to as "the union") of the other part.

Whereas by an agreement dated the 4th day of July, 1921, made between the same parties relative to wages and other conditions of employment it was provided, *inter alia*, that the agreement should come into force on the 30th day of June, 1921, and should continue in force until the 30th day of June, 1923, with the right of either party to revise the bonus after that agreement had been in force for twelve months: And whereas the employers have made demand for a revision of the said bonus: And whereas a conference consisting of the members of the Labour Disputes Committee which had settled the terms of the said agreement was held, but at this conference no agreement with respect to the alteration to be made in the said bonus was reached: And whereas in order to reach a settlement it was decided by resolution of the members taking part in the conference to leave the decision in the hands of the Chairman, E. C. Cutten, Esq., S.M.: And whereas the Chairman decided that the said bonus should be revised in accordance with the pronouncement of the Arbitration Court made to take effect from the 15th day of May last with respect to awards made by the Arbitration

Court, and such alteration of the said bonus should take effect from the 20th day of July, 1922, and that the said agreement should from that date until its termination be deemed to contain terms giving effect to this alteration: Now, therefore, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto—

1. That from the 20th day of July, 1922, until the termination of the said agreement, clauses 3, 4, and 11 shall be deemed to be amended as shown hereunder.

2. Subclause (h) of clause 3 of the schedule of the said agreement shall from this date be deemed to be amended and hereafter shall be read and shall have the same force and effect as if the words appearing in the said subclause were as under:—

“3. (h.) In addition to the above wages there shall be paid to the before-mentioned workers, except labourers, service-layers, or gangers, a bonus of 5s. per week; and to labourers, service-layers, and gangers, a bonus of 2½d. per hour.”

3. Subclause (b) of clause 4 of the schedule of the said agreement shall from this date be deemed to be amended and hereafter shall be read and shall have the same force and effect as if the words appearing in the said subclause were as under:—

“4. (b.) In addition to the above wages there shall be paid a bonus of 1s. 6d. per week to boys and youths under seventeen years and up to eighteen years, and a bonus of 2s. 6d. per week to boys and youths from eighteen years and up to twenty years of age.”

3. Subclause (b) of clause 11 of the schedule of the said agreement shall from this date be deemed to be amended and hereinafter shall be read and shall have the same force and effect as if the words appearing in the said subclause were as under:—

“11. (b.) In addition to the above wages there shall be paid a bonus of 1s. per shift.”

In witness whereof this agreement has been signed on behalf of the parties the day and year first above written.

Signed on behalf of the employers—

J. LOWE.
A. NEIL.
S. E. WRIGHT.

Signed on behalf of the union—

A. C. RENTON.
H. S. STEVENS.
J. CLARK.
E. C. CUTTEN, Chairman.

NOTE.—This agreement, made under the Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913, was filed with the Clerk of Awards, at Auckland, pursuant to section 8 (1) of the said Act, on the 31st day of July, 1922.