

(7153.) POINT ELIZABETH AND LIVERPOOL STATE COAL-MINES
EMPLOYEES.—ORDER AMENDING AGREEMENT.

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 Point Elizabeth and Liverpool State Coal-mines Employees' industrial agreement, dated the 3rd day of March, 1922.

Monday, the 24th day of April, 1922.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a special provision contained in the said industrial agreement, power is conferred upon the Court, of its own motion and by general order, to increase or diminish the excess rates of remuneration fixed and defined by the said industrial agreement over the standard rates as from the 1st day of May and 1st day of November, commencing on the 1st day of May, 1922, in the ratio between (a) the percentage of the increase in the retail prices of food for the preceding March or September respectively over the retail prices of food current in July, 1914, as shown by the Government Statistician's returns of the three food groups combined, and (b) the percentage of the increase (57·76) in the retail prices of food shown in the return for the month of January, 1920, over the retail prices of food current in July, 1914: And whereas it is further provided in the said industrial agreement that in calculating the increases or decreases of time rates the calculation shall be made to the nearest penny, and in the case of piecework rates to the nearest farthing: And whereas the ascertained percentage of increase in the retail prices

of food for the month of March, 1922, over the retail prices of food in the month of July, 1914, is 41·21 : Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said special provisions of the said industrial agreement and of every other power in that behalf thereto enabling it, this Court doth hereby order as follows :—

1. That the excess rates of remuneration over and above the standard rates as fixed and defined by the said industrial agreement shall be diminished in the ratio which 57·76 bears to 41·21.

2. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the 1st day of May, 1922, and shall continue in force during the currency of the said industrial agreement, or until such time as the Court shall otherwise order.

[L.S.]

— F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

This order is made by the Court in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it in that behalf by the provisions of clause 43, headed "Variation of Rates," appearing in the industrial agreement referred to. The rates fixed by the said industrial agreement are stated by the same to be deemed to be, in the case of time rates, 60 per cent. above the standard rates, and, in the case of piecework rates, 50 per cent. above the standard rates ; or, in other words, the standard rates are equivalent to 100/160ths of the present time rates and 100/150ths of the present piecework rates. The reductions affect only the remaining 60-160ths and 50-150ths of these rates respectively.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.