

(7202.) ORDER AMENDING GENERAL ORDER OF 10TH MAY, 1922.—  
REMUNERATION OF APPRENTICES.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1921–22, and in the matter of the general order made in pursuance thereof on the 10th day of May, 1922.

Thursday, the 8th day of June, 1922.

THE Court, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by subsection (4) of section 9 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1921–22, and of every other power in that behalf thereunto enabling it, doth hereby order that the provisions of the general order made in pursuance of the said Act on the 10th day of May, 1922, shall be amended in manner following, that is to say:—

That as from the 15th day of May, 1922, the total rates of remuneration of those apprentices whose basic rates are fixed at 15s., £1, £1 5s., £1 10s., and £2 per week for their first, second, third, fourth, and fifth years respectively shall be decreased by 1s. 6d. per week in those cases only in which the bonuses existing immediately prior to the 15th day of May, 1922, amounted to or exceeded 1s. 6d. per week; and that in those cases in which the bonuses existing immediately prior to the said 15th day of May, 1922, did not amount to 1s. 6d. per week the total rates of remuneration shall be decreased by such sum only as will reduce the rates of remuneration to 15s., £1, £1 5s., £1 10s., and £2 per week respectively.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The question of the different rates of bonuses granted to apprentices was brought before the Court in Auckland and Dunedin. The Court's general rates were increased some time ago to 15s., £1, £1 5s., £1 10s., and £2 per week, and these rates were intended to be standard rates, and were granted independently of the increased cost of living. Further cost-of-living increases were, however, granted in many cases, while in other cases the increases (or some of them) were not applied for. In order to adjust the matter equitably, the Court has decided that apprentices receiving the scale rates fixed by the Court shall not have their wages reduced, during the current six-monthly period, below the basic rates. The cases of apprentices paid under other scales will be dealt with on individual applications, if necessary, in accordance with the merits of the particular cases.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.