

## WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

**(7594.) WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT GROCERS' ASSISTANTS AND DRIVERS.—EXEMPTION FROM CLOSING-HOURS.**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of section 69 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22; and in the matter of the Wellington Industrial District Grocers' Assistants and Drivers' award, dated the 13th day of July, 1923.

Monday, the 10th day of September, 1923.

UPON reading the applications of the undermentioned occupiers of grocers' shops for exemption from the provisions of clause 1 (c) of the said award fixing the closing-hours for all grocers' shops, and upon hearing counsel for the said occupiers, this Court, being of the opinion that the observance of the closing-hours fixed by the said award would cause undue hardship to such occupiers, and by virtue of and in exercise of the powers conferred by the said acts, and of every other power in that behalf enabling it, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That if and so long as the undermentioned occupiers close their grocers' shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and comply with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22, and its amendments, and do not employ workers in or about the said shops during the hours when grocers' shops are directed by clause 1 (c) of the said award to be closed, or outside the hours during which by clause 1 (a) of the said award workers are permitted to be employed, or on any of the holidays prescribed by the said award, they shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 1 (c).

2. That this order is made subject to the further condition that the said occupiers shall close their shops not later than 7.30 p.m. on four days of the week and 9 p.m. on one day of the week, and shall close their shops all day on Anzac Day, Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

3. That the Court reserves to itself the power at any time to revoke this order and substitute another order therefor.

4. That the occupiers hereinbefore referred to, and their respective places of business, are as follows:—

William Robert Boyd, Grocer, Day's Bay.

Charles Hamilton Knowles, Grocer, Muritai.

Fred Roberts, Grocer, Rona Bay.

Alice Emily Phillips, Grocer, Miramar.

5. This order shall operate and take effect as from the day of the date hereof.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

## MEMORANDUM.

The Court has granted these exemptions on the following grounds:—  
 (a) Three of the applicants are carrying on business in seaside resorts, and the fourth is the proprietress of a small confectionery and grocery store, which is situated at a considerable distance from that of her nearest competitor; (b) in all cases week-end parties, excursionists, and people who are in the city all day are the principal customers; (c) the refusal of an order of exemption would inflict a special hardship on the applicants, in that a large part of their trade would be lost altogether, or would go to city firms. We have decided not to make an order exempting an applicant at Porirua, for we are not satisfied that the circumstances are sufficient to justify us in treating her case as one of undue hardship. Most of her customers are residents of the neighbourhood, and can arrange to make their purchases within the hours fixed by the award. We understand that there are other grocers carrying on business in the neighbourhood of Eastbourne who are desirous of being brought under the provisions of this order, but we do not think that the provisions of section 69 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22, are sufficiently wide to enable the Court to exempt them by a general order covering the locality. If they desire exemption they must make individual application.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

(7595.) WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT MOTOR-CAR AND HORSE-DRIVERS AND STABLE-ATTENDANTS.—ADDING PARTY TO AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of the Wellington Industrial District Motor-car and Horse-drivers and Stable-attendants' award, dated the 7th day of August, 1922, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxiii, p. 434.

Monday, the 17th day of September, 1923.

UPON reading the application of the under-mentioned company to be added as a party to the Wellington Industrial District Motor-car and Horse-drivers and Stable-attendants' award, dated the 7th day of August, 1922, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxiii, p. 434, which application was filed herein on the 5th day of September, 1923; and upon hearing the duly appointed representatives of the said company and of the union party to the said award, this Court doth hereby order as follows, that is to say,—

1. That the undermentioned company is hereby added as a party to the said award as from the day of the date hereof:—

The Wanganui Chronicle Company (Limited), Wanganui.