

WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(7619.) 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 1st day of October, 1923.

UPON reading the application of James Derry, the occupier of a grocer's shop at Ashley-Clinton, for exemption from the provisions of clause 1 (c) of the said award fixing the closing-hours for all grocers' shops, and upon hearing the agent of the said occupier, this Court, being of the opinion that the observance of the closing-hours fixed by the said award would cause undue hardship to such occupier, 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 said James Derry closes his grocer's shop at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22, and its amendments, and does not employ workers in or about the said shop 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, he shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 1 (c).

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

3. 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 this exemption on the following grounds :
 (a) The applicant is carrying on business as a general storekeeper in a remote part of the district, thirteen miles from the nearest store ;
 (b) his duties as Postmaster and mail-carrier compel him to be absent from his shop between 8.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on three days of the week ; (c) his customers are all farmers, and cannot conveniently purchase their groceries elsewhere ; and (d) the union consents to the granting of the application.

[L.S.]

____ F. V. FRAZER, Judge.