

(7639.) 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.

Wednesday, the 24th day of October, 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 thereto 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 :—

Foley, Gertrude Mary, Grocer, Eastbourne.

Martin, William Walker, Grocer, Eastbourne.

McLeod, Norman Stacy, Grocer, Eastbourne.

Russell, Fanny Eliza, Grocer, Eastbourne.

5. This order shall operate and take effect as from the 29th day of October, 1923.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The Court has granted these exemptions on the following grounds :
(a) The applicants are carrying on business in a seaside resort ; (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.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.