

**(7522.) OAMARU, HAMPDEN, AND WAITAKI COUNTY GROCERS'
ASSISTANTS.—AMENDMENT OF AWARD.**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments ; and in the matter of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22 ; and in the matter of the Oamaru, Hampden, and Waitaki County Grocers' Assistants award, dated the 30th day of November, 1922, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxiii, p. 1039.

UPON reading the application of C. Hopgood, grocer, Ngapara, for exemption from the provisions of clause 15 of the Oamaru, Hampden,

and Waitaki County Grocers' Assistants award, dated the 30th day of November, 1922, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxiii, p. 1039, which clause fixes closing-hours for all grocers' shops in the districts covered by the said award, and upon hearing the applicant, this Court, being of the opinion that the observance of the closing-hours fixed by the said award would cause undue hardship to the applicant, 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 C. Hopgood 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 15 of the said award to be closed, or outside the hours during which by clauses 1 and 7 of the said award workers are permitted to be employed, or on any of the holidays prescribed by this award, he shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 15.

2. That this order is made subject to the further condition that the said C. Hopgood shall close his shop not later than 6.30 p.m. on four days of the week and 8.30 p.m. on one day of the week.

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

4. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the date hereof.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1923.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.