

(7855.) NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, NELSON, AND OTAGO AND
SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RETAIL SHOP-ASSISTANTS.—
EXEMPTION FROM CLOSING-HOURS.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern 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 Northern, Wellington, Nelson, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts Retail Shop-assistants' award, dated the 17th day of March, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxv, p. 111.

Friday, the 12th day of September, 1924.

UPON reading the application of Messrs. M. and E. Oldbury, the occupiers of a drapers' shop at Kawhia, for exemption from the provisions of clause 22 (a) of the Northern, Wellington, Nelson, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts Retail Shop-assistants' award, dated the 17th day of March, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxv, p. 111, fixing the closing-hours for all shops in which the industries to which the award relates are carried on, 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 thereunto enabling it, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That during such time as the said occupiers shall (a) close their shop at 1 o'clock on the day of the statutory half-holiday in each

week, and not later than 6 p.m. on four other working-days of the week, and at 9 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) comply with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, the said occupiers shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

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

3. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the day of the date hereof.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.