

(7856.) 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 Dominion 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 Michael Kaveney, of Matamata, Stationer and Fancy-goods Dealer, for exemption from the provisions of clause 22 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 of all shops in which the industries to which the award relates are carried on; and upon hearing counsel for 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 thereunto enabling it, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That during such time as the said Michael Kaveney shall (a) close his shop at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on the day of the statutory closing-day, and (b) complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and its amendments, and (c) does not employ workers in or about the said shop outside the hours during which by clause 9 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 22.

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

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

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F. V. FRAZER, Judge.