

(7886.) NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, NELSON, AND OTAGO AND
SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RETAIL SHOP-ASSISTANTS.—
EXEMPTION FROM CLOSING-HOURS.

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 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.

Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 1924.

UPON reading the several applications of the undermentioned occupiers of retail shops 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 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. (a.) That during such time as the undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 6 p.m. on four other working-days of the week and 9 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) comply with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and (c) employ no assistants, except in each case one member of the occupier's family, in or about the said shops, the said occupiers shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

(b.) That the occupiers hereinbefore referred to and their respective places of business are as follows:—

Baxter, Jane, Second-hand Dealer, 23 Hanover Street, Dunedin.
Gumpatzer, D. J., Second-hand Dealer, 47 Stafford Street,
Dunedin.

Miles, William, Crockery-dealer, 213 George Street, Dunedin.

2. (a.) That during such time as the several undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their respective shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 7 p.m. on four other working-days of the week and 9 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) comply with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and (c) employ no assistants, except in each case one member of the occupier's family, in or about the said shops, the said occupiers shall severally be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

(b.) That the occupiers hereinbefore referred to and their respective places of business are as follows:—

Haig, James, Haberdasher, 413 King Edward Street, Dunedin.
Saville, J. M., Storekeeper, Maheno.

Farrant, M. E., Draper, Stationer, &c., 401 Cargill Road, South
Dunedin.

Hanson, Margaret, Second-hand Dealer, 253 King Edward
Street, Dunedin.

Murdock, J., Draper, 203 King Edward Street, South Dunedin.

3. (a.) That during such time as the several undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their respective shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 9 p.m.

on the five other working-days of the week, and (b) comply with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and (c) employ no assistants in or about the said shops during the hours when such shops are directed by clause 22 (a) of the said award to be closed, or 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, the said several occupiers shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a); and in respect of Easter Saturday and Easter Monday they shall be exempt from the provisions of clause 22 (b).

(b.) That the occupiers hereinbefore referred to and their respective places of business are as follows:—

Davies, G. H., Fancy-goods Dealer, &c., Queenstown.

Beer, E. J., Fancy-goods Dealer, &c., Queenstown.

Gardiner, J. W., Fancy-goods Dealer, &c., Queenstown.

Wilkinson, G. V., Chemist and Fancy-goods Dealer, Queenstown.

4. (a.) That during such time as the undermentioned occupier (a) closes his shop at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 8 p.m. on four other working-days of the week and 10.30 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and (c) employs no assistants, except one member of the occupier's family, in or about the said shop, the said occupier shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

(b.) That the occupier hereinbefore referred to and his place of business are as follows:—

Purvis, W. A., Stationer and Fancy-goods Dealer, Milton.

5. (a.) That during such time as the undermentioned occupier (a) closes his shop at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 9 p.m. on four other working-days in each week and 10.30 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and (c) employs no assistants, except one member of the occupier's family, in or about the said shop, the said occupier shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

(b.) That the occupier hereinbefore referred to and his place of business are as follows:—

Howitt, R., Stationer, Alexandra.

6. That during such time as Thomas Young, of Kakanui, Storekeeper, 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 (c) does not employ workers in or about the said shop, except one member of the occupier's family, 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.

7. That those occupiers above mentioned who carry on business as newsagents shall be exempt from the provisions of clause 22 (b) of the said award during such time as they shall close their shops not later than 9 a.m. on the holidays specified in the said award.

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

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

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F. V. FRAZER, Judge.