

(7892.) DUNEDIN FELT-HATTERS.—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 an industrial dispute between the Dunedin Felt-hatters' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called " the union ") and the under-mentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called " the employers ") :—

Breen, W., City Cap-factory, 39 Dowling Street, Dunedin.

Butterworth Bros. (Limited), Dowling Street, Dunedin.

Ross and Glendining (Limited), 8 Stafford Street, Dunedin.

Union Felt Hat Company (Limited), 686 King Street, Dunedin.

Warner, W. P. (Limited), 36-38 King Street, Dunedin.

Whipp, J., and Co., 236 George Street, Dunedin.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called " the Court "), having taken into consideration the matter of the above-

mentioned dispute, and having heard the union by its representatives duly appointed, and having also heard such of the employers as were represented either in person or by their representatives duly appointed, and having also heard the witnesses called and examined and cross-examined by and on behalf of the said parties respectively, doth hereby order and award :—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award ; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as hereinafter provided and shall continue in force until the 27th day of June, 1926, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 90 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand this 16th day of October, 1924.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### *Hours of Work.*

1. The hours of work shall be forty-six and a half per week, made up as follows, viz. : Eight and a half hours per day on five days of the week, and four hours on Saturday.

##### *Wages.*

2. The minimum rate of wages shall be 2s. 1d. per hour for the following classes of work, namely : Blocking (steam or water), open or box framing, finishing (hand or machine), shaping in its entirety, flanging, cutting, velouring (before or after trimming) felt hats of all descriptions.

*Overtime and Holiday Pay.*

3. All time worked in excess of the hours prescribed in clause 1 of this award or on any of the undermentioned holidays shall be paid for at the following rates: Time and a half for the first four hours on any one day, and double time thereafter. Time and a half for work performed on New Year's Day or the day following, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Sovereign's Birthday, Labour Day, or Boxing Day. Double time for work performed on Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

*Preference.*

4. (a.) If any employer shall hereafter engage any worker coming within the scope of this award who shall not be a member of the union, and who shall not become a member thereof within fourteen days after his engagement and remain such member, the employer shall dismiss such worker from his service if requested to do so by the union, provided there is then a member of the union equally qualified to perform the particular work required to be done, and ready and willing to undertake the same.

(b.) The provisions of the foregoing clause shall operate only if and so long as the rules of the union shall permit any worker coming within the scope of this award of good character and sober habits to become a member of the union upon payment of an entrance fee not exceeding 5s., upon a written application, without ballot or other election, and to continue a member upon payment of subsequent contributions not exceeding 1s. per week.

*Under-rate Workers.*

5. (a.) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b.) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c.) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d.) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e.) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

*Scope of Award.*

6. This award shall operate throughout the Provincial District of Otago.

*Term of Award.*

7. This award in so far as it relates to wages shall be deemed to have come into force on the 27th day of June, 1924, and so far as all the other conditions of this award are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 27th day of June, 1926.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 16th day of October, 1924.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

This award embodies, without alteration, the recommendations of the Conciliation Council, which the parties agreed to accept.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.