

WESTLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(7728.) WESTLAND COAL-MINES.—AMENDMENT OF AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Westland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of a joint application by the parties for amendment of the Westland Coal-mines award, dated the 7th day of December, 1921, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxii, p. 1778.

Friday, the 1st day of February, 1924.

UPON reading the joint application of the parties to the Westland Coal-mines award, dated the 7th day of December, 1921, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxii, p. 1778, which application was filed herein on the 29th day of January, 1924; and upon hearing the duly appointed representatives of the said parties, this Court, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 5 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1921, and of every other power in that behalf thereto enabling it, and with the consent of the parties, doth hereby order that the said award shall be and it is hereby amended in manner following, that is to say:—

1. Immediately after the resumption of work in 1924 payment shall be made by the Westport Coal Company (Limited) and the Westport-Stockton Coal Company (Limited) of the difference between pillar rates and solid rates in all cases in which, subsequent to the making of the present award, first splits have been driven through

pillars which had been split prior to the making of the award. This clause shall also apply to Blackball and Paparoa mines.

2. The provisions of clause 14 of the said award in reference to head-coal in the Westport Coal Company (Limited) and the Westport-Stockton Coal Company (Limited) mines shall apply to headings as well as to all other places in the mine. Payment to be retrospective to commencement of the award.

3. The Westport-Stockton Coal Company (Limited), from the date of resumption of work, shall pay 1s. per day increase on the present award rates to outside electric-loco. drivers and brakemen.

4. On resumption of work in 1924 the Westport-Stockton Coal Company (Limited) shall pay the amount in dispute for side coal.

5. In consideration of the special conditions in the Deep Creek Section, the Westport Coal Company (Limited) shall pay 1s. per shift to all workers in that section in addition to award rates.

6. In isolated or inconvenient places—that is, where not more than one pair of men are trucking to the same flat—sheet miners shall do their own trucking and run the jig below; for trucking they shall be paid the following rates: From 22 to 44 yards, three hours per shift; and thereafter one hour per shift per chain or portion of a chain; and for running the jig below, the rates provided in the award. This clause shall be applicable where necessary to the top pair of men in a bank or heading.

7. The minimum wage, as provided in clause 19 of the award, shall be calculated on a weekly basis instead of fortnightly basis; payment to be made fortnightly.

8. Each case of failure of one pair of men in a double-shift place to make the minimum wage shall be dealt with on its merits, and such pair of men shall be entitled to the same consideration in respect of the minimum wage as if they were working in a single-shift place: Provided that a daily record shall be kept by the underviewers and deputies of all substantial interruptions of the trucking or haulage system, and such records shall be accepted as final evidence in all cases on the question of whether or not the failure of any pair of men to make the minimum wage has not been due to want of trucks. The Court reserves power to amend or delete this clause after the 18th day of July, 1924, if it then appears that the provisions thereof have not operated satisfactorily, and if a conference of representatives of the parties to the award has been called to consider the matter of the amendment or deletion of this clause.

9. For setting props over 12 ft. in height, 1s. per prop shall be paid.

10. The miners' minimum wage shall be 17s. 6d. per shift.

11. All daily-wage rates under the present award shall be increased by $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

12. Clause 12 (a) of the Westland Coal-mines award shall be amended by increasing the rate of 3d. per ton per chain prescribed therein to $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per chain.

13. Except where otherwise provided, this order shall be deemed to have operated and taken effect as from the date or respective dates on which work was resumed for the year 1924 at the respective mines affected by the said award.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The foregoing order is made on the joint application of the parties to the award, and embodies the terms of an agreement made by them and submitted to the Court. The Court has not altered the wording of the agreement, except to the extent necessary to express its provisions in the form of an order.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.