

(7734.) NORTHERN, TARANAKI, WELLINGTON, NELSON, CANTERBURY, AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.—AMENDMENT OF AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of an application by the employers for amendment of the Northern, Taranaki, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts Carpenters and Joiners' award, dated the 19th day of July, 1923, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxiv, p. 416.

Thursday, the 10th day of April, 1924.

In pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by section 92 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and for the purpose of remedying a defect in the Northern, Taranaki, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts Carpenters and Joiners' award, dated the 19th day of July, 1923, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxiv, p. 416, this Court, being of the opinion that it is just and equitable to amend the said award, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the following provision shall be inserted after clause 10 of the said award:—

“ *Under-rate Workers.*

“ 10A. (i.) 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.

“ (ii.) 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.

“(iii.) 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.

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

“(v.) 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.”

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

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

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