

(7985.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT GROCERS' ASSISTANTS
AND DRIVERS.—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 Northern Industrial District Grocers' Assistants' and Drivers' award, dated the 3rd day of May, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxv, p. 303.

Monday, the 15th day of December, 1924.

UPON reading the application of John Thomas Morris, a grocer, carrying on business at Kohimarama, for exemption from the provisions of clause 2 (a) of the Northern Industrial District Grocers' Assistants' and Drivers' award, dated the 3rd day of May, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxv, p. 303, fixing the closing-hours for all grocers' shops 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 if and so long as the said occupier closes his shop at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and its amendments, and does not employ workers in or about the said shop during the hours when grocers' shops are directed by clause 2 (a) of the said award to be closed, or outside the hours during which by clause 1 (a) 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 2 (a).

2. That this order is made subject to the further condition that the said occupier shall close his shop not later than 7.30 p.m. on four days of the week and 9 p.m. on one day of the week, and shall close his shop all day on Anzac Day, Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

3. That this Court reserves to itself the power at any time to revoke this order and substitute another order therefor.

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

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.