

(8019.) NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, NELSON, AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RETAIL SHOP - ASSISTANTS.—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 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.

Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1924.

UPON reading the 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 counsel for 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. 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 its amendments, 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).

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

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

Goldsworthy, E. L., Black Cat Drapery Company, 454 Mount Eden Road, Auckland.

Kinzett, F. M., Haberdasher, 112 Ponsonby Road, Auckland.

Noble, F. A., Stationer and Fancy-goods dealer, 139 Ponsonby Road, Auckland.

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