

TARANAKI INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(7744.) TARANAKI GROCERS' ASSISTANTS AND DRIVERS.—BRINGING CLAUSE 1 (c) OF AWARD INTO OPERATION.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Taranaki Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of the Taranaki Grocers' Assistants and Drivers' award, dated the 18th day of October, 1923, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxiv, p. 890.

Friday, the 21st day of March, 1924. .

WHEREAS by subclause (c) of clause 1 of the Taranaki Grocers' Assistants and Drivers' award, dated the 18th day of October, 1923, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxiv, p. 890, it is provided that
“ In pursuance of the power conferred by section 69 of the Shops

and Offices Act, 1921, it is ordered that all grocers' shops situated within the areas mentioned in subclause (a) of this clause shall close not later than 5.30 p.m. on four days of the week, 12.30 p.m. on the day of the statutory half-holiday, and 8.30 p.m. on the day of the late night."

And whereas in and by the said subclause it is further provided that—" This subclause shall not be operative until a date to be fixed by order of the Court at its next sitting at New Plymouth."

And whereas the Court sat at New Plymouth on the 21st day of March, 1924, and heard argument and evidence respecting the matter of the coming into operation of the said subclause :

And whereas the Court is satisfied that the provisions of the said subclause should become operative :

Now, therefore, the Court doth hereby order that the said subclause (c) of clause 1 (relating to closing of shops) shall operate and take effect as from the 7th day of April, 1924.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The operation of the subclause was suspended in order to enable the Court to consider an application to strike out the subclause, or, alternatively, to exempt the applicants from its operation. There is no reason for striking out the subclause ; and, so far as the granting of exemptions is concerned, none of the applicants was able to adduce evidence of undue hardship. The Court cannot grant exemption unless it is satisfied that undue hardship will result to the applicants, and has therefore decided to bring the subclause into operation, without providing for any exemptions.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.