

**(7790.)** NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, NELSON, AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RETAIL SHOP-ASSISTANTS.—EXEMPTION FROM CLOSING-HOURS.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland 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, 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 9th day of June, 1924.

UPON reading the several 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 In-

dustrial 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 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. (a.) That during such time as the several undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their respective 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 (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 severally be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

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

Applegarth, Robert, Stationer and Fancy-goods Dealer, 248 George Street, Dunedin.

Bain, Jane, Second-hand Dealer, 303 King Street, Dunedin.

Boyland, F. W., Stationer and Fancy-goods Dealer, 359 King Street, Dunedin.

Brown, Margaret, Second-hand Dealer, 315 King Street, Dunedin.

Brown, Helen G., Draper, 301 Castle Street, Dunedin.

Macdonald, Simon, Second-hand Dealer, 331 George Street, Dunedin.

McDonnell, R. G., Bookseller, &c., Princes Street, Dunedin.

McFarland, John Hy., Stationer, 158 High Street, Dunedin.

Mann, Alexander, Bookseller, &c., 15 Manse Street, Dunedin.

Newall, Fanny, Crockery-dealer, 217 George Street, Dunedin.

Paterson, M. O., 313 King Street, Dunedin.

Stokes, P. J., Bookseller and Stationer, 348 King Street, Dunedin.

2. (a.) That during such time as the several undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their respective shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 7 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 (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 severally be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

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

- Appleby, J. H., Stationer, Palmerston.  
 Beckingsale, F. H., Draper, Palmerston.  
 Bell, Clementina, Second-hand Dealer, 179 King Edward Street, Dunedin.  
 Braimbridge, Marian, 257 Main North Road, Dunedin.  
 Chapman-Cohen, Samuel Geo., Draper and Dressmaker, 19 Kaikorai Valley Road, Kaikorai, Dunedin.  
 Crosbie, Florence M., Fancy-goods Dealer, 305 King Edward Street, Dunedin.  
 Haggie, J. J., Fancy-goods Dealer, Palmerston.  
 Hanning, Jane Ann, Bookseller, 96 South Road, Caversham, Dunedin.  
 Jones, Jane Elizabeth, Bookseller, &c., 141 South Road, Caversham, Dunedin.  
 Murray, William, Stationer, Palmerston.  
 Norris, Eva, Stationer and Fancy-goods Dealer, Prince Albert Road, St. Kilda, Dunedin.  
 Pittaway, William, Boot Dealer, Palmerston.  
 Read, Doris, Bookseller and Fancy-goods Dealer, Cargill's Corner, Dunedin.  
 Reidy, Kathleen, Dressmaker, 56 Musselburgh Rise, Dunedin.  
 Ritchie, William, 81 Prince Albert Road, Dunedin.  
 Robinson, Francis William, Stationer, Palmerston.  
 Stewart, Jessie, Bookseller, &c., 62 Prince Albert Road, St. Kilda, Dunedin.  
 Thomas, Eliza, Draper, 231 King Edward Street, Dunedin.  
 Walker, Isabella, 20 Prince Albert Road, St. Kilda, Dunedin.  
 Wilson, Edith, Bookseller, Cargill's Corner, Dunedin.

3. (a.) That during such time as the undermentioned occupier shall (a) close his shop at 1 o'clock in the aft. noon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 7 p.m. on four other working-days of the week and 9 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and (c) employs not more than one assistant, other than a member of his family in or about the said shop, the said occupier shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

(b.) That the occupier hereinbefore referred to and his place of business are as follows :—

- Munro, G. A., Bookseller and Stationer, 114 King Edward Street, Dunedin.

4. (a.) That during such time as the undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their respective shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 8 p.m. on four

other working-days of the week and 10.30 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) comply with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, 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).

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

Burn, Lewis, Bookseller and Stationer, Milton.  
Rose, Cecil, Fancy-goods Dealer, Port Chalmers.

5. (a.) That during such time as the several undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their respective shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 5.30 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, the said occupiers shall severally be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

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

Garden, J. R., Clinton.  
Renton, P. M., Fancy-goods Dealer, Clinton.  
McLew, Robert, Stationer, &c., Waikouaiti.

6. That those occupiers above mentioned who carry on business as news agents shall be exempt from the provisions of clause 22 (b) of the said award during such time as they shall close their shops not later than 9 a.m. on the holidays specified in the said award.

7. That the Court reserves to itself the power at any time to revoke or vary this order or substitute another order therefore.

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

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

#### MEMORANDUM.

The Court has dealt with these applications, in so far as the city area (proper) of Dunedin is concerned, on similar lines to those on which it recently dealt with a number of Auckland applications. In so far as the outlying portions of the city and suburban area are concerned, the Court has granted an extra hour on four days of the week, principally because of the competition of small grocers, who stock many lines sold by the present applicants. If closing-hours are subsequently fixed in a grocers' award, the Court will reconsider the exemption granted to these applicants. A few applicants in country districts have been specially dealt with.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.