

(8204.) 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.

Friday, the 22nd day of May, 1925.

UPON reading the application of David McIntosh, of Lawrence, boot retailer and repairer, 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, this Court, being of the opinion that the observance of the closing-hours fixed by the said award would cause undue hardship to the said 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 during such time as the said occupier (a) closes his shop 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) complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, the said occupier shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

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

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

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F. V. FRAZER, Judge.