

(8252.) NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, NELSON, AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RETAIL SHOP-ASSISTANTS.—EXEMPTION FROM CLOSING-HOURS.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington 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.

Wednesday, the 1st day of July, 1925.

UPON reading the application of John Gosling, of Northland, Wellington, Boot Dealer 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, and upon hearing the said occupier, this Court, being of the opinion that 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 during such time as the said John Gosling closes his shop 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 at 8.30 p.m. on the day of the late night, and complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and does not employ workers in or about the said shop during the hours when all shops in which the industries to which the award relates are carried on are directed by clause 22 (a) of the said award to be closed, or outside the hours during which by clause 9 of the said award workers are permitted to be employed, or on any of the holidays prescribed by the said award, and shall close his shop all day on Christmas Day, Anzac Day, and Good Friday, he 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.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.