

(8089.) 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, 1921, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxv, p. 111.

Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 1925.

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 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 undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on 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), except as hereinafter mentioned, employ no assistants, except one member of the occupier's family, in or about the said shops, the said occupiers shall respectively be exempt from the provisions of the

said clause 22 (a): Provided that in the case of John Mann, herein-after named, the assistant need not be a member of the occupier's family.

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

Mann, John, 25 Taieri Road, Roslyn, Dunedin, News Agent.
Thompson, Annie, 11 Main Valley Road, Kaikorai, Dunedin,
Draper and Fancy-goods Dealer.

2. (a.) That during such time as the undermentioned 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).

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

Bryant, John McNaughton, Bootmaker, Lawrence.

3. That the occupier above mentioned, who carries on business as a news agent, shall be exempt from the provisions of clause 22 (b) of the said award during such time as he shall close his shop not later than 9 a.m. on the holidays specified in the said award.

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

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

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.