(8297.) NELSON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT GROCERS' ASSISTANTS AND DRIVERS.—AMENDMENT OF AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Nelson Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of the Nelson Industrial District Grocers' Assistants and Drivers' award, dated the 19th day of December, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 1444; and in the matter of an application by a party thereto for amendment of the said award.

Friday, the 24th day of July, 1925.

WHEREAS by clauses 1 (b) and 14 (b) of the Nelson Industrial District. Grocers' Assistants and Drivers' award, dated the 19th day of December, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 1444. the Court reserved to itself power to alter the closing-hour of 6 p.m. on one day of the week, fixed by the Court in clauses 1 (a) and 14 (a) and (b) of the said award, to 8.30 p.m. within a radius of five miles from the Chief Post-office in the City of Nelson, on the application of any party, and upon the certificate of the local Inspector of Awards that a majority of the shops affected by the Retail Shop-assistants' (General) award within the said radius were closing at 8.30 p.m.: And whereas application in that behalf has been made by a party to the said award: And whereas the said Inspector of Awards has furnished a certificate that a majority of the shops affected by the last-mentioned award are now closing at 8.30 p.m.: Now, therefore, the Court, in exercise of the power so reserved, doth hereby order that the said first-mentioned award be amended in manner following, that is to sav :---

1. By deleting subclause (α) of clause 1 of the said award, and substituting the following subclause :—

(a.) The hours of work shall be as follows: Within a radius of five miles from the Chief Post-office of the City of Nelson, between g a.m. and 5.30 p.m. on four days of the week, between 8 a.m. and 3.0 p.m. on one day of the week, and between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the day of the half-holiday. Outside a radius of five miles from the Chief Post-office in the City of Nelson, between 8 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. on four days of the week, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on one day of the week, and between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the day of the half-holiday. A week's work shall not exceed forty-eight hours." And

2. By deleting subclause (a) of clause 14 of the said award, and substituting the following subclause :—

"(a.) Within those portions of the area included in the five-miles radius from the Chief Post-office at Nelson in which Saturday is the statutory half-holiday, at 5.30 p.m. on four days of the week, at 8.30 p.m. on one day of the week, and at 1 p.m. on Saturday." And

3. By deleting subclause (b) of clause 14 of the said award, and substituting the following subclause :—

(b.) Within those portions of the last-mentioned area in which Saturday is not the statutory half-holiday, at 5.30 p.m. on four days of the week, and at 1 p.m. on Saturday and the day of the statutory half-holiday: Provided that the occupier of any grocer's shop who gives notice as provided in section 14 (2) of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and observes Saturday in lieu of the statutory closing-day, shall close his shop at 5.30 p.m. on four days of the week, at 8.30 p.m. on one day of the week, and at 1 p.m. on Saturday."

And the Court doth further order that this order shall operate and take effect as from the day of the date hereof.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.