(8364.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT ELECTRICAL WORKERS.—AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923; and in the matter of the Northern Industrial District Electrical Workers' apprenticeship order, dated the 19th day of December, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 1525.

Tuesday, the 13th day of October, 1925.

Whereas by section 5 (2) of the Apprentices Act, 1923, the Court is empowered to amend any order made under section 5 (1) of the said Act: And whereas the Court has heard the duly appointed representatives of the parties to the Northern Industrial District Electrical Workers' apprenticeship order, dated the 19th day of December, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 1525: Now, therefore, the Court, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the said Act, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said order shall be amended by deleting clause 6

thereof and substituting the following clause:—

"6. The proportion of the total number of apprentices to the total number of journeymen employed in the industry in the district shall be not more than one to two. The proportion of the total number of apprentices to the total number of journeymen employed by any employer shall be not more than one to two or fraction of two."

2. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the day

of the date hereof.

[L.S.]

F. V. Frazer, Judge.

Memorandum.

The union made an application to the Court to have the proportion of apprentices to journeymen reduced from one to one to one to three. The Court is of the opinion that by the time the present apprentices have completed their training the number of journeymen will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the trade, and that for the future a proportion of one to two will be sufficient to allow for wastage and for the expansion of the trade.

F. V. Frazer, Judge.