

CANTERBURY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(8100.) CANTERBURY BACON-WORKERS.—AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Canterbury Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Canterbury Freezing-works and Related Trades Employees' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

Canterbury Frozen Meat and Dairy-produce Export Company (Limited), Belfast.

Green, T. H., and Co. (Limited), 121 Lichfield Street, Christchurch.

Kincaids Limited, 693 Colombo Street, Christchurch.

Sheehan, T., North Canterbury Bacon Company, Kaiapoi.

Walker, L. C., Islington.

Wardell Bros. and Co., 162 Cashel Street, Christchurch.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Court"), having taken into consideration the matter of the above-mentioned dispute, and having heard the union by its representatives duly appointed, and having also heard such of the employers as were represented either in person or by their representatives duly appointed, and having also heard the witnesses called and examined and cross-examined by and on behalf of the said parties respectively, doth hereby order and award :—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and per-

formed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as hereinafter provided, and shall continue in force until the 30th day of June, 1927, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 90 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 25th day of February, 1925.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

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SCHEDULE.

Hours of Work.

1. The hours of work shall not exceed forty-eight hours per week, to be worked between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on five days of the week—no work to exceed eight hours and three-quarters in any one day; and on Saturday the hours shall not exceed four and a half, between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Wages.

2. The following shall be the minimum rates of wages for the several classes of workers in every bacon-curing department:—

	Per Week.
	£ s. d.
Head curer	5 0 0
	Per Hour.
	s. d.
Slaughtermen, scalders, cutters-up, and rollers ..	2 1
Cellarmen	1 10½
Lardmakers, store hands, and all other workers employed in the department	1 9

Employment of Youths.

3. (a.) Boys and youths may be employed, at the discretion of the employers, at not less than the following rates of wages:—

	Per Week.
	£ s. d.
Between the ages of fourteen and fifteen years ..	1 2 6
Between the ages of fifteen and sixteen years ..	1 7 6
Between the ages of sixteen and seventeen years ..	1 12 6
Between the ages of seventeen and eighteen years ..	1 17 6
Between the ages of eighteen and nineteen years ..	2 7 6
Between the ages of nineteen and twenty years ..	2 12 6

(b.) Where wages are weekly, no deduction shall be made therefrom, save for time lost through the worker's default or sickness.

Overtime.

4. All time worked in any one day in excess of the hours mentioned in clause 1 hereof shall be considered overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter.

Payment of Wages.

5. Wages shall be paid weekly ; two days' lie-time shall be allowed.

Holidays.

6. The following holidays shall be observed : New Year's Day, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Show Day, Boxing Day, Sovereign's Birthday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day.

Payment for Holidays.

7. Double time shall be paid for work done on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Sundays ; time and a half shall be paid for work done on New Year's Day, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Show Day, Boxing Day, and the Sovereign's Birthday.

Meal-time (General).

8. (a.) Half an hour shall be allowed for each meal. No longer period of work than five hours shall be permitted between each meal.

(b.) A " smoke-oh " of ten minutes' duration shall be allowed during the forenoon.

(c.) A St. John Ambulance or similar first-aid outfit shall be provided in each factory.

(d.) Slaughterhouse hands shall be supplied with canvas material for leggings and aprons.

Under-rate Workers.

9. (a.) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose ; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b.) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expira-

tion of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c.) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d.) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e.) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Preference.

10. (a.) If any employer shall hereafter engage any worker coming within the scope of this award who shall not be a member of the union, and who shall not become a member thereof within seven days after his engagement and remain such member, the employer shall dismiss such worker from his service if requested to do so by the union, provided there is then a member of the union equally qualified to perform the particular work required to be done, and ready and willing to undertake the same.

(b.) The provisions of the foregoing clause shall operate only in and so long as the rules of the union shall permit any worker coming within the scope of this award of good character and sober habit to become a member of the union upon payment of an entrance fee not exceeding 5s., upon a written application, without ballot or other election, and to continue a member upon payment of subsequent contributions not exceeding 1s. per week.

Scope of Award.

11. This award shall operate throughout the Canterbury Industrial District.

Term of Award.

12. This award in so far as it relates to wages shall be deemed to have come into force on the 13th day of February, 1925, and so as all the other conditions of this award are concerned it shall continue into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 30th day of June, 1927.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereunto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto his hand, this 25th day of February, 1925.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

This award embodies, without alteration, the recommendations of the Conciliation Council, which the parties agreed to accept.

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F. V. FRAZER, Judge.
