

(8106.) CANTERBURY LEADLIGHT AND GLASS 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 Christchurch Federated Furniture Trades Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called “the union”) and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called “the employers”):—

Bradley Bros., 728 Colombo Street, Christchurch.

Dominion Mirror and Glass Company, 213 Durham Street, Christchurch.

Gapes, Thos., and Co. (Limited), 83 Victoria Street, Christchurch.

Hurst and Drake (Limited), 22 Ferry Road, Christchurch.

Lees, Andrew, and Co., 202 Madras Street, Christchurch.

Rose, Louis, and Co. (Limited), 266 St. Asaph Street, Christchurch.

Rundle, R., 610 Barbadoes Street, St. Albans, Christchurch.

Smith and Smith (Limited), 213 Tuam Street, Christchurch.

Vincent and Shilstone, 98 Falsgrave Street, Linwood, 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 performed, 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 2nd day of March, 1926, 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 4th day of March, 1925.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Hours of Work.

1. (a.) Forty-four hours shall constitute a week's work—eight hours on five days and four hours on the day of the weekly half-holiday. Time shall be worked between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on five days of the week, and between 7.30 a.m. and 12 noon on the day of the weekly half-holiday.

Wages.

2. (a.) All journeymen working as lead-glaziers, plate-glass cutters, and hand bevellers shall be paid not less than 2s. 2d. per hour. (Hand bevelling shall consist of roughing, smoothing, pumicing, and rouging.) Silverers, polishers, leadlight-cementers, and machine bevellers shall be paid not less than 1s. 11½d. per hour.

(b.) Any worker who is at the time of the coming into operation of this award in receipt of wages in excess of those prescribed by this award shall not have his wages reduced.

Overtime and Holidays.

3. (a.) All time worked beyond the time 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.

(b.) Double time shall be paid for work done on Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday; and time-and-a-half rates for Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Easter Monday, Easter Saturday, Labour Day, Sovereign's Birthday, and Show Day.

Termination of Employment.

4. Two hours' notice shall be given on either side before dismissal or leaving employment; in such cases wages are to be paid immediately.

Under-rate Workers.

5. (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 expiration 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.

6. (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 fourteen 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 if 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 habits 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.

General Provisions.

7. (a.) For work performed outside the employer's workshop all travelling-expenses are to be paid by the employer. Time occupied in travelling shall be paid for at ordinary rates, but no worker shall be paid more than an ordinary day's wages for any day occupied by him in travelling, although the hours occupied by him may exceed eight, unless he is on the same day occupied in working for his

employer. Where a worker is employed at such distance that he is unable to return to his home at night, suitable board and lodging shall be provided at the employer's expense.

(b.) Employees who are required by their employers to use their own bicycles during the course of their work shall be paid 6d. a day for each day on which they use the same.

(c.) No contract work shall be permitted on the premises of any party to this award unless such work is paid for at not less than the wages prescribed by this award.

(d.) A first-aid outfit shall be provided in all factories.

Scope of Award.

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

Term of Award.

9. This award in so far as it relates to wages shall be deemed to have come into force on the 2nd day of March, 1925, and so far as all the other provisions of this award are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 2nd day of March, 1926.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand this 4th day of March, 1925.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

This award, with the exception of a minor alteration to the preference clause, agreed to at the hearing, embodies the recommendations of the Conciliation Council, which the parties agreed to accept.

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F. V. FRAZER, Judge.