(8465.) 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.

Wednesday, the 16th day of December, 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 clause 6 of the said order, as amended by the order dated the 13th day of October, 1925, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVA, p. 891, shall be deleted, and the following clause substituted therefor :---

"6. The proportion of the total number of apprentices to the total number of journeymen employed in the trade or 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: Provided, however, that until the 31st day of December, 1926, the district proportion of apprentices to journeymen shall be not more than four to five; from the 1st day of January, 1927, to the 31st day of December, 1927, not more than four to six; from the 1st day of January, 1928, to the 31st day of December, 1928, not more than four to seven; and thereafter one to two as first hereinbefore provided."

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

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

Memorandum.

This order has the effect of deferring the full operation of the amending order of the 13th October, 1925, for three years. The Court has decided that the reduced ratio should come into operation gradually, so as to obviate the hardship that would otherwise be suffered by lads seeking to enter the trade during the next few years. The number of apprentices to journeymen now employed is approximately four to five.

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.