

(8489.) NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, NELSON, AND OTAGO AND
SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RETAIL SHOP-ASSISTANTS.—
EXEMPTION FROM CLOSING-HOURS.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of section 69 of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22; and in the matter of the Dominion Retail Shop Assistants' award, dated the 17th day of March, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 111.

Monday, the 23rd day of November, 1925.

UPON reading the application of William Munchton, the occupier of a draper's shop at Rona Bay, for exemption from the closing-hours provisions of the Northern, Wellington, Nelson, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts Retail Shop-assistants' Award, dated the 17th day of March, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 111, fixing the closing-hours of all shops in which the industries to which the award relates are carried on, and upon hearing counsel for the said occupier, this Court, being of the opinion that the observance of the closing-hours fixed by the said award would cause undue hardship to such occupier, and by virtue of and in exercise of the powers

conferred by the said Acts, and of every other power in that behalf thereunto enabling it, doth hereby order as follows :—

That during such time as the said occupier (*a*) closes his shop at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on the day of the statutory closing-day, and (*b*) complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and (*c*) does not employ workers in or about the said shop outside the hours during which by the said award workers are permitted to be employed, and (*d*) closes his shop all day on Christmas Day, Anzac Day, and Good Friday, he shall be exempt from the closing-hours provisions of the said award.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.
