

(10126.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (EXCEPT GISBORNE JUDICIAL DISTRICT) TAILORS.—PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM GENERAL ORDER.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of the Finance Act, 1931; and in the matter of the Northern Industrial District (except Gisborne Judicial District) Tailors' award, dated the 26th day of April, 1929, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXIX, p. 184.

Friday, the 21st day of August, 1931.

UPON reading the application of the Auckland Tailors' Industrial Union of Workers, party to the Northern Industrial District (except Gisborne Judicial District) Tailors' award, dated the 26th day of April, 1929, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXIX, p. 184, for exclusion from the operation of the general order of the 29th May, 1931, and upon hearing the duly appointed representatives of the said union and the employers parties to the said award, this Court, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 18 of the Finance Act, 1931, and of every other power in that behalf thereunto enabling it, doth hereby order as follows:—

That the pieceworkers covered by the said award be excluded from the operation of the said general order of the 29th May, 1931, to the following extent, viz.: that the reduction of 10 per cent. in the piecework rate of 1s. 5d. be cancelled as from the date of the coming into force of the said order, and a reduction of 5 per cent. substituted therefor.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

This is an application for exclusion from the operation of the general order of 29th May, 1931.

The Court is unable to make an order in the case of timeworkers, but the position of pieceworkers is on a somewhat different footing. These workers have had an increase on the "time-statement" rate of only 3½d. per hour since 1914, and a reduction of 10 per cent. on the present rate (1s. 5d. per hour) would reduce the 3½d. by nearly 50 per cent.—to 1·8d. The increases granted by recent awards do not appear to have kept pace with those granted to other workers in the trade, even though allowance be made for pieceworkers generally receiving lower percentage increases than timeworkers.

The Court therefore considers that the reduction in the case of the "time-statement" for pieceworkers should be 5 per cent. in lieu of 10 per cent.

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.