

(10343.) INVERCARGILL TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS EMPLOYEES.—
INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT.

THIS industrial agreement, made in pursuance of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and of section 5 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1932, this 27th day of October, 1932, embodies the terms of the settlement arrived at by the assessors appointed for the hearing of the industrial dispute between the Invercargill Tramways Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") of the one part, and Invercargill City Council (hereinafter called "the employer") of the other part, whereby it is mutually agreed by and between the said assessors as set out in the schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

Wages.

1. The following shall be the minimum rates of wages payable to the undermentioned employees:—

	Per Hour.	
	s.	d.
Motormen—		
First and second year as motormen-cleaners ..	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Over two years as motormen-cleaners ..	1	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Over five years as motormen-cleaners ..	1	8
Car-adjusters and examiners—		
Day	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Night	1	7 $\frac{3}{4}$

	Per Hour.	
	s.	d.
Car-cleaners—	1	6
Day	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Night	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Car-shed labourers	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Permanent-way labourers and repairers	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Track-cleaners	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Firemen and greasers	1	8
Trimmers	1	7 $\frac{1}{4}$

Motormen and bus-drivers on full roster shifts to be paid 2d. per hour additional, and at these rates during holiday-leave and standby.

Car-adjusters and examiners who are required to undertake electrical linesmen's work as part of their regular duties shall be paid such additional amount as will bring the rate equal to such linesmen's rates.

Sunday Work.

2. (a) All work done on Sunday or on Anzac Day shall be paid for at time and a half rates. A minimum of three hours' pay at ordinary rates to be paid.

(b) Whenever a man is required to work a minimum of eight hours on a Sunday he shall be allowed one week-day off in lieu thereof. If, however, he is required to work on such week-day he shall be paid time and a quarter rates for the first eight hours of such day, and time and a half thereafter.

(c) A roster shall be prepared and posted, showing the particular day in the week to be observed as a day off for those workers employed on Sunday.

"Shorts" and "Overs."

3. Motormen and bus-drivers shall be notified of shortages within twenty-four hours after paying in their cash each day, excepting Sundays, Saturdays, and public holidays, when notice within forty-eight hours shall be given. Shortages shall be set off against "overs" every day. Credit balances shall be carried forward. The account shall be balanced monthly, and then credit balances (if any) shall not be carried forward. Motormen and bus-drivers shall be allowed to make up their own bags.

Signing On and Off Time.

4. Motormen shall sign on ten minutes previous to taking on their cars, and shall be allowed ten minutes after finishing work. Motormen on broken shifts and call-back duty shall be allowed five minutes each time for signing on or off intermediate shifts, and seven minutes after signing off for the day.

Hours of Work.

5. (a) The hours of work for workers affected by this award, except for motormen, shall be eight hours daily; but any employee who so

desires may, with the consent of the manager, work eight and three-quarter hours per day for five week-days and four and a half hours on one week-day at ordinary rates of pay. Any time worked beyond these hours shall be paid for at time and a half rates.

(b) The hours of work for motormen shall average eight hours per day. Not less than eight hours' work shall be provided on any one week-day. Men shall not be signed off for less than one hour.

(c) The foregoing provisions shall not apply in any cases of suspension or absence from duty through the worker's own default.

(d) All time worked beyond eight hours on any week-day shall be paid for at time and a half rates.

(e) A straight shift shall be worked continuously.

(f) All broken shifts shall be completed within twelve hours, except on one week-day in each week, and except on statutory and public holidays, when they shall not exceed twelve hours; but this shall not prevent men being employed over a longer period at time and a half rates. This subclause shall not apply to workers performing call-back or call-forward duty.

(g) All call-forward or call-back duty shall be paid for at time and a half rates, with a minimum of one and a half hours. Extra time worked between midnight and 6 a.m. shall be paid for at time and a half rates.

(h) In the event of employees applying for exchange of duties the department shall not be liable for any overtime incurred by the granting of such application.

(i) All time worked on Christmas Day and Good Friday shall be paid for at double rates.

(j) Motormen on duty shall be paid while waiting on sports, races, public functions, and amusements.

Holidays.

6. (a) Employees covered by this agreement who are required to work on public holidays and statutory holidays shall receive holidays in each year at full ordinary pay as follows: After nine months' service, ten consecutive days; after eighteen month's service, twelve consecutive days every nine months.

(b) All other employees covered by this agreement who are required to work on public and statutory holidays shall receive holidays on full ordinary pay as follows: After one year's service, ten consecutive days; over two years, twelve consecutive days; over seven years, fifteen consecutive days.

(c) On application, holiday pay shall be paid in advance.

(d) Any employee leaving the service or being dismissed shall receive payment for holidays *pro rata*.

Reports.

7. (a) No charge laid by an officer against an employee shall be considered unless the intention to lay such charge has been made known to such employee at the time of such alleged offence, or as soon after as practicable. Every charge shall be in writing, and shall be open to the inspection of the employee concerned before he is required to answer same.

(b) In the event of a report being made by any member of the general public against an employee, the employee shall be furnished with particulars within twenty-four hours of its being received. The employee shall answer such report within forty-eight hours of its notification to him, but before doing so he shall be entitled to see and make a copy of the original.

(c) No charge shall be preferred against an employee on the complaint of any member of the general public unless such complaint has been made in writing by the person concerned within three days of the alleged offence.

(d) In computing time with respect to the above subclause Sundays and holidays shall be excluded. The time an employee may be away from duty shall also be excluded.

(e) For breaches of discipline or other offences the manager of the undertaking may, in lieu of or in addition to inflicting suspension from duty as a punishment, reduce a motorman to a lower grade, or withhold promotion, irrespective of length of service.

(f) Any employee shall be permitted to call evidence in defence when an inquiry is held by the employer, and the employer shall, should he deem it necessary, have the person making the complaint in attendance at such inquiry.

(g) If, pending an inquiry, an employee has been suspended, and if he is exonerated, the employee shall be paid for the time so lost at ordinary rates of pay.

(h) In case of serious accident (where men are not relieved for the purpose) fifteen minutes shall be allowed for the purpose of making out No. 1 reports.

(i) No entry shall be made against any employee on his service record unless the employee concerned has had due notice. An employee, on application to the manager, may be allowed to inspect his record.

Promotions.

8. When any appointments are made in the service preference shall be given to employees, subject, however, in all cases to the seniority, suitability, capability, and record of the employee concerned, subject to the right of appeal conferred by the Tramways Amendment Act, 1910. This clause shall only apply to positions affected by this award.

Terms of Engagement.

9. (a) Not less than one week's notice of termination of employment shall be given by employee and employer; but this shall not apply to casuals and probationary cleaners, who may be dismissed without notice.

(b) The provisions of the above subclause shall not be deemed to prevent the employer dismissing any employee without notice for a good and substantial reason.

(c) "Casuals" and "probationary cleaners" shall be deemed to mean employees with less than three months' service.

(d) Any motorman who has left the service and afterwards rejoins shall not enter the traffic department in a higher grade than a motorman in the first year, or may be employed as a motorman-cleaner.

Preference.

10. (a) From and after the coming into operation of this agreement all persons joining the service shall, within fourteen days after their so joining, become members of the union, it being agreed that the entrance-fee shall not exceed 5s., and subscriptions shall not exceed 6d. per week. It shall be a condition of employment of all the said employees that they shall join the said union and that they shall remain members of the said union. If any employee joining the service shall neglect to become a member of the union within the time specified he shall be dismissed. If any person who has already joined the union, or who shall pursuant to the provisions of this clause join the union, shall voluntarily and of his own motion resign from the union he shall be liable to dismissal, and shall receive a notification from the manager that he is so liable, and unless he rejoins the union within one week from the date of the notice he shall be dismissed.

(b) No inspector or other officer of the undertaking shall be a member of the union. In the event of a member of the union being appointed to the position of inspector or any other office not provided for in the agreement he shall immediately resign from the union, and the union shall forthwith accept such resignation.

Passes.

11. All men in uniform or carrying passes, to be provided for that purpose, shall be allowed to travel free while going to or returning from work.

Employees carrying passes must observe the conditions printed thereon. Should any employee attempt to travel free at any other time, or to travel to and from work without uniform and without paying fare, or without producing the pass promptly and without delay, or break in any way the conditions printed on the passes, the

privilege shall be withdrawn in respect of the employee concerned for a period of one month, and for a second offence may be withdrawn altogether.

Uniforms.

12. (a) All employees required to wear uniforms, including overcoats and oilskins, shall be supplied with the same by the employer. Oilskins shall be provided by the employer for track-cleaners.

(b) Waterproof overcoats and leggings shall be provided for overhead men and track-cleaners.

(c) All uniforms and clothing shall remain the property of the employer.

Meal Relief.

13. All employees on night shift starting work after 11 p.m. shall be entitled to thirty minutes' meal allowance; such time to be paid for.

Seats.

14. Each car shall be provided with a seat for the motorman, subject to such reasonable regulations as shall be issued from time to time by the manager.

Change of Duty.

15. (a) When an employee is required to perform various duties he shall be paid the rate of wages pertaining to the higher grade of work.

(b) Any motorman when not required for traffic shall fill in his time on car-cleaning. When so engaged no alteration in his usual rate of pay will be made.

General.

16. (a) If a motorman at any time after taking up his duties finds that he is not fitted for the work he shall, subject to the manager's approval, have the option of going back to his former position as soon as the requirements of the service permits.

(b) Eligibility for increase in motorman's rate of pay shall date from the time a cleaner first acts as a motorman.

(c) Motormen shall be paid 1s. per day extra when they are training students.

Disputes.

17. When any disagreement arises between the employer and the union no proceedings shall be taken by either party until the matter in dispute has been submitted to and dealt with by a special committee comprising three representatives of the employer and three representatives of the union. When a decision has been arrived at by this special committee it shall be binding on all parties to the dispute.

18. This agreement shall apply only to the parties named herein.

19. This agreement shall come into force on the 1st day of December, 1932, and continue in force for one year.

In witness whereof the said assessors have executed these presents pursuant to the said section 5 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1932, the day and year first before written.

Signed by the assessors appointed on behalf of the union.

W. J. REID.
J. R. COWLEY.
R. FERGUSON.
A. H. WHYTE.

Witness—S. Ritchie.

Signed by the assessors appointed on behalf of the employers.

J. H. TATTERSFIELD.
A. C. CARMAN.
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GEO. R. COOPER.

Witness—S. Ritchie.
