

(10512.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT PRINTING TRADE.—
AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923, and its amendments; and in the matter of an application for amendment of the Northern Industrial District Printing Trade Apprenticeship Order, dated the 18th day of October, 1926, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVI, p. 1102.

Friday, the 1st day of September, 1933.

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 Printing Trade Apprenticeship Order, dated the 18th day of October, 1926, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVI, p. 1102: 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 the said order shall be amended by striking out clause 10 thereof, and substituting the following clause therefor:—

“10. The minimum rates of wages payable to apprentices shall be:—

			Per week.		
			£	s.	d.
“ First six months	0	17 0
“ Second six months	0	19 6
“ Third six months	1	2 0
“ Fourth six months	1	4 6
“ Fifth six months	1	7 0
“ Sixth six months	1	8 6
“ Seventh six months	1	10 0
“ Eighth six months	1	14 0
“ Ninth six months	1	18 3
“ Tenth six months	2	2 6
“ Eleventh six months	2	6 9
“ Twelfth six months	2	15 3.”

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 application disclosed anomalies arising from the operation of the Apprentices Act, 1923, and the Finance Acts of 1931 and 1932. The position, in regard to the wages of apprentices, is that apprentices whose apprenticeships commenced on or before 10th May, 1932, may have their rates of wages varied by orders made by Magistrates under the Finance Act, 1932. That Act does not apply to apprentices whose apprenticeships commenced after 10th May, 1932, but they

and apprentices apprenticed on or before that date are all subject to the 10-per-cent. reduction in wages authorized by the order of this Court made under the Finance Act, 1931, on 29th May, 1931. The order now made by the Court applies to apprentices apprenticed on or after the date of this order, but does not apply in the case of apprentices whose apprenticeship commenced previously thereto. Further, while Magistrates may restore reductions made in the rates of wages of apprentices to whom section 56 of the Finance Act, 1932, applies, no provision exists for increasing the rates of wages of apprentices whose apprenticeships commenced after 10th May, 1932, at a 10-per-cent. reduction (approximately) below the 1926 rates, or of those whose apprenticeships commence on or after the date of this order, at a 15-per-cent. reduction (approximately) below the 1926 rates. It would appear to be desirable that these anomalies should be corrected by Parliament. The present order is intended to effect a reduction of approximately 15 per cent. in the rates of wages fixed by the apprenticeship order of 18th October, 1926, but regard has been had to the provisions of section 32 (a) of the Factories Act, 1921-22, and this circumstance has caused the reductions for the earlier years to be at a somewhat lower rate than 15 per cent.

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.
