

WESTLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

(10656.) WESTLAND STATE COAL-MINES, ENGINE-DRIVERS, FIREMEN, PUMPMEN, ETC. — AGREEMENT UNDER LABOUR DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT, 1913.

MEMORANDUM of agreement entered into this 18th day of June, 1934, between the Westland Engine-drivers, Firemen, Pumpmen, &c., Union (hereinafter called "the union") of the one part and the Hon. the Minister of Mines (hereinafter called "the employer") of the other part, whereby it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows, that is to say :—

(1) That the terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions contained and set out in the schedule hereto shall be binding upon the said parties, and they shall be deemed to be and are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this agreement.

(2) The said parties hereto shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this agreement and by the said terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this agreement or of the said terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same.

SCHEDULE.

Rates of Wages.

1.	s.	d.
Winding-engine drivers, hauling men	19	4
Winding-engine drivers, not hauling men	17	9
Engine-drivers required to hold first-class stationary certificates	17	9
Engine-drivers required to hold second-class stationary certificates	16	10
Electric loco. driver, outside	18	8
Electric loco. driver, underground	17	8
Electric loco. brakeman	17	6
Sub-station attendants	13	1
Electric loco. repairers and cleaners	16	8
First-class fitters and turners	18	9
Second-class fitters and turners	17	9
Electric haulage drivers on main-rope ends	17	4
Drivers of air and electric winches	16	4
Firemen requiring second-class certificates	16	10
Firemen not requiring certificates	15	6
Assistant firemen—		
Sixteen to seventeen years of age	8	3
Seventeen to eighteen years of age	10	3
Eighteen to nineteen years of age	12	3
Armature-winders	16	10
Linesmen	16	10
Linesmen's attendants	15	4
Fan-motor attendants	16	10
First-class carpenters	17	9
Second-class carpenters	16	10
Horse-shoers and tool-sharpeners	17	9
Blacksmiths—second and third fires	17	9
Blacksmiths', electricians', and carpenters' apprentices—		
First year	5	7
Second year	7	2
Third year	9	0
Fourth year	10	10
Fifth year	12	7

And thereafter the minimum rates: Provided that a youth of eighteen years or over who commences work as a blacksmith's apprentice shall receive for the first year not less than the wages of a second year's apprentice.

	s.	d.
Dynamo lighting attendants	15	4
Bricklayers	18	9
Tub-repairers	16	4
Adult strikers, twenty years and over	15	4
Adult clip-makers	17	1
Pumpmen	16	4
Denniston fast-running hydraulic brakes	18	10
Hydraulic brakemen	17	4

Sixpence extra to be paid for afternoon shift or night shift or men working three shifts to be paid sixpence extra all round.

Shifts.

2. All shifts shall be eight hours on engines and boilers, exclusive of meal-times. If required to work the meal-hour or to work overtime in steam-raising or fire-banking, overtime shall be paid at the ruling rates.

When two or more shifts are worked continuously the men on such shifts shall change in turn.

Overtime.

3. (a) Overtime shall be paid for at the rate of time and a quarter for the first three hours, after which time and a half shall be paid.

(b) If a worker is required to return to work within seven and a half hours of the close of his shift he shall be entitled to overtime rates. When a shorter break arises from the men's own arrangements overtime shall not apply.

(c) Men employed on work regularly done on Sundays shall be paid at the rate of time and a half. For all other work on Sundays and agreement holidays double time shall be paid.

(d) When workers are employed to clean flues, or to clean or chip boilers internally, or to prepare for Government inspection, double time shall be paid.

(e) Workers who are required to commence work after 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m. shall be deemed to be working dog-watch, but this shall not apply to workers who are required to commence work before the usual starting-time solely for the purpose of supplying light to houses.

Holidays.

4. (a) The following shall be the Christmas holidays: From the 24th December to the 4th January, both days inclusive. Other holidays shall be Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Sovereign's Birthday, Labour Day, and local picnic day.

(b) Men who work regularly seven days a week shall be paid double time for all holidays. All other men employed on the 25th or 26th days of December or the 1st or 2nd days of January shall be paid double time, and if employed on the 24th December, from 27th December to 31st December, both days inclusive, or on the 3rd or 4th of January, shall be paid at the ordinary daily rate. For work done on other holidays specified in this agreement double time shall be paid.

General.

5. Proper and practical protection from the inclemency of the weather shall be provided at all engines, boilers, or machinery of any kind.

6. So far as may be reasonably practicable, all coal required for fire purposes shall be tipped conveniently to the furnaces for the firemen employed thereat, but in cases where a fireman's duties are not sufficient to fully occupy his time, he may be required to tip his own coal.

7. Drivers of haulage engines or winches whose time is not fully occupied in driving shall perform any class of work they may be called upon to do.

8. If a worker is temporarily removed from work for which a higher rate of pay is provided in this agreement to work for which a lower rate is paid, he shall nevertheless be paid the wages he is receiving for the work from which he is removed. If the work to which he is sent is paid for at a higher rate than that from which he is removed, he shall be paid at the rate provided for the work to which he is sent. On resuming his usual work he shall revert to the rate of wages provided for that work: Provided that in any case in which the temporary removal has been for a period exceeding two but not exceeding three pay fortnights, the workman shall be entitled to one week's notice before reverting to his lower rate of pay, and in any case in which the temporary removal has been for a period exceeding three pay fortnights he shall be entitled to two weeks' notice before reverting to the lower rate.

9. When workers are required to work in exceptionally dirty places where they cannot avoid getting their clothes damaged with grease or acid, an allowance of 2s. 3d. extra per shift shall be paid.

10. Where men are employed underground and are unable to work without getting wet, six hours shall constitute a shift. In such cases work done in excess of six hours shall be paid for at overtime rates.

11. (a) Any adult workman employed on arc welding shall be paid 1s. 4d. per day in addition to his ordinary rate of pay for the actual days he is engaged in arc welding: Provided that this shall not apply in any case so as to make the total wages higher than that of a second-class fitter and turner as herein provided.

(b) Youths employed in arc welding shall be paid such proportion of this allowance as their wages-rate bears to the adult rate for the work upon which they are ordinarily employed.

(c) If workers who regularly work on Sundays and holidays are absent from work on account of sickness, accident, or on annual holiday, workers who temporarily take their places shall be paid double time for work done on Sundays or holidays.

(d) Temporary work means work that does not last more than one month.

Notice of Dismissal or Retirement.

12. Fourteen days' notice in writing of dismissal or retirement shall be given by the employer to the worker, or by the worker to the employer.

Disputes Committee.

13. (a) Any dispute concerning any matter not specifically dealt with in this agreement which cannot be settled by the executive of the union and the management of the mine shall be immediately referred to the District Disputes Committee.

(b) The District Disputes Committee shall consist of two representatives appointed by each side, and the local Magistrate or any other person agreed upon by the representatives, as chairman, and shall deal with any matter which has not been settled by the means provided in subclause (a) hereof. A majority decision of the District Disputes Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

(c) Work shall continue in all respects pending the decision of the dispute as before the dispute arose.

Under-rate Workers.

14. If any worker is for any cause unable to earn the minimum wage provided by this agreement for any class of work for which he may desire to be employed, such worker may be employed at such lesser wage as may be agreed upon in writing between the president of the union and the manager of the mine. The term "worker" shall mean either a man or a youth as may be applicable.

Preference.

15. (a) If any employer shall hereafter engage any worker coming within the scope of this agreement who shall not be a member of the union, and who shall not become a member thereof within seven days after his engagement, and remain such member, the employer shall dismiss such worker from his service if requested to do so by the union, provided there is then a member of the union equally qualified to perform the particular work required to be done, and ready and willing to undertake same.

(b) In the case of any steam-driven plant being replaced by electric motors, if an attendant is required for the motors, the man who operated the steam plant shall be employed on the motors if he is qualified to do the necessary work.

This agreement shall come into operation on the 18th day of June, 1934, and remain in force until the 31st day of December, 1934.

The seal of the Westland Engine-drivers, Firemen, Pumpmen, &c., Union was hereunto affixed this 18th day of June, 1934, in the presence of—

W. FISHER, President.
J. GOODALL, Secretary.

Thomas H. King, witness to signatures.

CHAS. E. MACMILLAN, Minister of Mines.

Signed by the Honourable the Minister of Mines in the presence of—
W. R. King, Private Secretary, Wellington.

NOTE.—This agreement, made under the Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913, was filed with the Clerk of Awards, at Wellington, pursuant to section 8 (1) of the said Act, on the 23rd day of July, 1934.
