

(11104.) WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TRACTION, STATIONARY, AND LOCOMOTIVE ENGINE-DRIVERS; CANTERBURY TRACTION AND STATIONARY ENGINE-DRIVERS, FIREMEN, ETC.; OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND ENGINE-DRIVERS, FIREMEN, AND GREASERS; AND THE KAITANGATA ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FIREMEN.—AMENDMENT OF AWARDS AND INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936; and in the matter of applications to amend the Wellington Industrial District Traction, Stationary, and Locomotive Engine-drivers' award, dated the 10th day of June, 1927, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVII, p. 429; the Canterbury Traction and Stationary Engine-drivers' Firemen, &c., award, dated the 20th day of December, 1932, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXII, p. 580; the Otago and Southland Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Greasers' award, dated the 17th day of December, 1935, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXV, p. 1403; and the Kaitangata Engine-drivers' and Firemen's industrial agreement, dated the 1st day of May, 1933, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXIII, p. 484. Mr. J. Read for the workers; Mr. D. I. Macdonald for the employers.

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT, DELIVERED BY PAGE, J.

THESE are applications made under section 21 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, for a reduction to 40 hours per week of the working-hours fixed by the three awards and an industrial agreement above enumerated relating to engine-drivers, firemen, and greasers.

The parties in these cases have agreed that the general considerations as set out in the judgment of this Court relating to storemen and packers are applicable to engine-drivers, that is to say, in the case of an engine-driver employed by a firm whose working-hours have been fixed at 40 per week, the engine-driver will, of course, get the benefit of the reduction. Where, however, the house is one which works longer hours than 40 per week, the fortunes of the engine-driver will follow those of the house that employs him.

There may be a few cases in which special considerations apply, and leave is reserved to refer any such special cases to the Court.

A general order will, therefore, be made in terms of the above declaration.

This order will come into force on 1st September, 1936.

Dated this 8th day of August, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.