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At page 515:—

For "Northern Industrial District Bagmakers award, dated the 5th day of February, 1935, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXV, p. 9", please *read* "Northern Industrial District Bag-makers award, dated the 31st day of March, 1936, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVI, p. 156".

At page 871:—

Please *insert* immediately before the words "E. Page, Judge", the words "Dated this 28th day of October, 1936".

At page 1039:—

Section 40 of the Statutes Amendment Act, 1936, should *read* "Section 39".

(11160.) NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT **SADDLERS AND HARNESS-MAKERS**; NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT **BAG-MAKERS**; CANTERBURY **SADDLERS, HARNESS-MAKERS, COLLAR-MAKERS, AND BAG-MAKERS.**—AMENDMENT OF AWARDS.

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 the Northern Industrial District Saddlers, Harness, Collar, and Cover Makers' award, dated the 31st day of March, 1936, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXVI, p. 148; the Northern Industrial District Bag-makers' award, dated the 5th day of February, 1935, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXV, p. 9; and the Canterbury Saddlers, Harness-makers, Collar-makers, and Bag-makers' award, dated the 1st day of October, 1935, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXV, p. 922. Mr. *J. Tucker* for the workers; Mr. *W. E. Anderson* 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 above enumerated relating to the saddlery, harness, and bag manufacturing industry.

In conjunction therewith, upon the terms detailed in the judgment of the Court given in the applications relating to the footwear-manufacturing industry, the Court is considering, under section 3 of the Factories Amendment Act, 1936, two applications made on behalf of six factory-occupiers for an extension, to 44, of the weekly hours of work fixed by the latter statute.

Each of the two statutes requires the hours of work to be fixed at 40 per week unless, in the opinion of the Court, it would be impracticable to carry on efficiently the industry (or as the case may be, the work of the factory) if the hours of work were thus limited.

The onus of proof of impracticability lies on the employer.

We think that a 40-hour week must be worked in this industry.

Saturday work is, however, essential for the reason that the great majority of saddlers, collar-makers, and harness-makers run a retail shop.

The 40 hours may therefore be worked in this industry from Mondays to Saturdays inclusive.

We therefore make an order amending the above-enumerated awards accordingly.

Rates of pay prevailing on 1st September, 1936, will be adjusted in accordance with subsection (3) of section 21 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, so that the ordinary rates of weekly wages of any worker shall not be reduced by reason of the reduction made in the number of his working-hours.

Corresponding orders will, on 1st September, 1936, be issued under the Factories Amendment Act, 1936.

This order will come into force on 1st September, 1936, and will continue in force until the 31st August, 1937.

Dated this 25th day of August, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.
