

(11179.) AUCKLAND **SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS**; NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT **ELECTRICAL WORKERS (ELECTRIC-POWER BOARDS, ETC.)**; WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT **LINESMEN AND LINESMEN'S ASSISTANTS**; CANTERBURY **ELECTRIC-POWER BOARD'S EMPLOYEES**; CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL **LINESMEN AND LINESMEN'S ASSISTANTS**; HALSWELL AND WAIMAIRI COUNTY COUNCIL'S **LINESMEN AND LINESMEN'S ASSISTANTS**; DUNEDIN CITY CORPORATION **LINESMEN AND LINESMEN'S ASSISTANTS**; DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL **SHIFT ENGINEERS, ETC.**; OTAGO **LINESMEN AND LINESMEN'S ASSISTANTS**; AND SOUTHLAND ELECTRIC-POWER BOARD'S **SHIFT ENGINEERS**. — AMENDMENT OF AWARDS AND INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS.

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 Auckland Switchboard Operators' award, dated the 24th day of May, 1927, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVII, p. 401; the Northern Industrial District Electrical Workers' (Electric-power Boards, &c.) award, dated the 17th day of December, 1930, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXX, p. 979; the Wellington Industrial District Linesmen and Linesmen's Assistants' award, dated the 25th day of November, 1927, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVII, p. 923; the Canterbury Electric-power Boards' Employees' award, dated the 1st day of April, 1935, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXV, p. 536; the Christchurch City Council Linesmen and Linesmen's Assistants' industrial agreement, dated the 7th day of September, 1927, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVII, p. 799; the Halswell and Waimairi County Council's Linesmen and Linesmen's Assistants' industrial agreement, dated the 11th day of April, 1929, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXIX, p. 176; the Dunedin City Corporation Linesmen and Linesmen's Assistants' industrial agreement, dated the 25th day of May, 1932, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXII, p. 118; the Dunedin City Council Shift Engineers' (Waipori Falls Power-station and Converter Station, and Half-way Bush Sub-station) industrial agreement, dated the 17th day of June, 1927, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVII, p. 636; the Otago Linesmen and Linesmen's Assistants' award, dated the 14th day of October, 1929, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXIX, p. 751; and the Southland Electric-power Board's Shift Engineers' award, dated the 20th day of May, 1926, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVI, p. 352. Mr. *K. Simpson* for the workers; Mr. *W. J. Mountjoy* 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 six awards and four industrial agreements above enumerated relating to Electric-power Boards and electric-supply authorities.

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 forty-five 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.

With the consent of the parties we make an order amending the above-enumerated awards and industrial agreements as follows:—

For power-station attendants, linesmen, and trouble-men, the hours of work shall be 40 per week, to be worked from Mondays to Fridays inclusive, subject to the following exceptions:—

- (a) This order shall have no effect in respect of men employed in one-man sub-stations or in one-man generating-stations.
- (b) Shift engineers may be required to work seven shifts in any week: Provided that the total number of shifts to be worked in each consecutive three-weekly period shall not exceed fifteen.
- (c) Trouble-men may be worked 120 hours in three weeks: Provided that such hours shall not be worked on more than twenty-two days in each consecutive four-weekly period.

We also make similar orders under the Factories Amendment Act, 1936.

These orders shall come into force on the day of the date hereof, and shall continue in force until the 31st day of August, 1937.

Dated this 7th day of September, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.