

(11192.) FACTORIES AMENDMENT ACT, 1936. — APPLICATION BY WINSTONE LTD., ROOFING-TILE WORKS, TAUMARUNUI, FOR EXTENSION OF WORKING-HOURS.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand.—In the matter of the Factories Amendment Act, 1936; and in the matter of an application under section 3 of the said Act on behalf of Winstone Ltd., Roofing-tile Works, Taumarunui, for an extension of the hours of work fixed by that section. Mr. *W. E. Anderson* for applicant; Mr. *J. Purtell* for workers.

THIS is an application made under section 3 of the Factories Amendment Act, 1936, on behalf of Winstone Ltd., Roofing-tile Works, Taumarunui, for an extension, to 44, of the weekly hours of work fixed by that section.

The statute 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 work of the factory if the hours of work were thus limited.

The onus of proof of impracticability lies on the employer.

We fix the following hours: For four kiln-burners and four boiler-attendants a 44-hour week, to be worked on five days and a half of the week. The period without an interval for a meal is to be extended to 8 hours on the understanding that the present practice regarding meals is to continue.

For all other workers a 40-hour week, to be worked from Mondays to Fridays inclusive save that on thirteen weeks in a year the employer is to have the right to spread the 40 hours over five days and a half.

The above matters are open for review when the next award is under discussion.

This order 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 14th day of September, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.