

## MARLBOROUGH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

**(11323.) MARLBOROUGH THRESHING-MILL, CHAFFCUTTER, AND CLOVER-SHELLER EMPLOYEES.—AWARD.**

IN the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Marlborough Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Marlborough Farm and Station Employees (other than Shearers and Shed Hands) Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called “the union”) and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called “the employers”):—

Cresswell, W. R., Omaka Downs, Rural Mail, Blenheim.  
 Dick, A. J., Blind River.  
 Drake, F., Millowner, Tua Marina.  
 Gane, W. H., Farmer, Spring Creek.  
 Gifford, A. J., Spring Creek.  
 Gifford, H. H., Farmer, Old Renwick Road, Blenheim.  
 Jordan, S. W., Farmer, Renwick.  
 Manson, J., Farmer, Spring Creek.  
 Morrin, T. M., Marama, Seddon.  
 O'Dwyer, P., Farmer, Blenheim.  
 O'Dwyer, Jno., Spring Creek.  
 Rose, E. W., Farmer, Middle Renwick Road, Blenheim.  
 Smith, Edgar, Farmer, Tua Marina.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called “the Court”), having taken into consideration the matter of the above-mentioned dispute, and having heard the union by its representatives duly appointed, and having also heard such of the employers as were represented either in person or by their representatives duly appointed, and having also heard the witnesses called and examined and cross-examined by and on behalf of the said parties respectively, doth hereby order and award:—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter

and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as hereinafter provided, and shall continue in force until the 31st day of July, 1937, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 89 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925.

In witness whereof the Seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 9th day of December, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### *Hours of Work.*

1. The hours of work shall be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. for stack threshing and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for stook threshing, except on Saturdays, when the hours of work shall be between 7 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. for stack threshing and between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. for stook threshing. Fifteen minutes extra shall be allowed to finish a set.

#### THRESHING-MILLS.

##### *Number of Hands to be employed.*

2. (a) Except through accident to or illness of any workers, the number of hands to be employed at each mill when working shall consist of feeder, driver, two stackmen, two bagmen, two strawmen, and (in camp) one cook; but should a mill be fitted with any patent appliance, the work equivalent done by such appliance shall be taken into account when manning the mill, and the number of hands reduced accordingly. When one strawman only is required the other man shall be available for any other work on mill. The employer shall provide huts, or clean, sanitary sleeping accommodation for the sole use of the men during the threshing.

(b) In the case of American and similar mills, the number of hands (excluding the cook to be employed) shall be not less than: For mills of not greater dimensions than 28 in. by 46 ft., five men; for mills of not greater dimensions than 32 in. by

54 ft., six men. Where an elevator is used an extra man shall be employed as a strawman. When threshing peas out of the stack an extra man shall be employed on the stack.

(c) In the case of Header harvesters the number of hands shall be not less than two men.

#### CLOVER-SHELLERS AND CHAFFCUTTERS.

##### *Number of Hands.*

3. Except through accident or illness of any worker the minimum number of hands to be as follows:—

(a) Clover-shellers: A driver and two stackmen.

(b) Chaffcutters: A driver, feeder, two bagmen and one stackman when cutting oat-sheaf chaff. When cutting straw out of stack the farmer shall find one additional man. When cutting straw out of a wallop the farmer shall find two additional men.

#### THRESHING-MILL AND CLOVER-SHELLERS.

##### *Rates of Pay.*

4. (a) All hands, except the driver and cook, shall be paid 1s. 11d. per hour and found—the time to commence from when the mill enters upon the farm upon which the crop is to be threshed and to continue during all hours worked, including shifting-time from set to set, until the finish of the last set on each farm; fifteen minutes in the morning and fifteen minutes in the afternoon to be allowed for lunch and paid for; but does not include the sixty minutes to be allowed for dinner, or any time that the mill may be stopped exceeding ten minutes for repairs or any other unavoidable cause, or time occupied in shifting from farm to farm. If the public road is used to expedite shifting between paddock or farm the property of the one owner such time shall be paid for.

(b) The rates for drivers shall be not less than 3s. per hour.

(c) Cooks, £4 15s. per week and found.

(d) Bandcutters shall be bound by this award.

(e) The millowner shall pay to the bandcutter or other worker who steers the engine and assists the driver in cleaning and oiling the mill an additional sum of £1 5s. per week for such services.

(f) In the case of American and similar mills the millowner shall pay an additional sum of £1 5s. per week to the worker who assists the driver in a capacity similar to the feeder on a standard mill.

(g) Header harvester hands shall be paid not less than 2s. 6d. per hour.

## CHAFFCUTTERS.

*Rates of Pay.*

5. The minimum rates of cutting oat-sheaf chaff shall be:—

	£	s.	d.	
Driver .. .. .	0	4	4	per 100 bags cut.
Feeder .. .. .	0	3	10	per 100 bags cut.
Ordinary hands .. .	0	3	8	per 100 bags cut.

When cutting straw-chaff the rates shall be double those set out above.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS.

*Termination of Employment.*

6. (a) Should any man desire to leave the mill during the currency of the season he shall give the driver in charge one day's notice of his intention to do so or forfeit one average day's pay.

(b) Should any employer desire to dismiss any worker he shall give him one day's notice or one average day's pay, except where it shall be for incompetence or wilful disobedience of orders, when such dismissal may be summary and without compensation.

(c) Any worker leaving or being dismissed shall receive from the employer all wages due at the termination of his employment, such wages to be paid at the mill, or time taken in collecting same to be paid for at the minimum rate.

*Tallies of Time worked.*

7. In all cases the number of hours worked shall be kept by the representative of the employer and workers.

*Food-supply.*

8. Rations are to be provided by the employer. Sufficient food of good quality shall be supplied to the workers, and shall include jam and not less than 1 lb. of butter per week for each worker.

Meals are to be supplied, and shall consist of the following number of meals when working: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, lunch, and tea, but where the mill is idle, lunches need not be supplied.

*Trivial Disputes.*

9. In every case a representative of the men shall be elected or chosen for each mill at each camp, and all trivial disputes

that may arise not in contravention of this award shall be decided by the representative of the men and the representative of the employer and their decision shall be final.

*Union Organizer.*

10. Any mill, chaffcutter, or clover-sheller, may be visited by any officer of the union at any time, and once in each season when working, and the mill must stop for twenty minutes to allow the officer to transact union business. Such lost time shall not be counted as working time.

*Holidays.*

11. Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter Friday, and Easter Monday shall be observed as holidays. Sunday work is prohibited.

*Posting of Award.*

12. A copy of this award shall be posted upon the mill or be kept available with the outfit for the information of the men.

*Payment of Wages.*

13. It shall be competent for a worker to enter into an arrangement with his employer for the payment of 75 per cent. of his wages fortnightly.

*Piecework.*

14. No piecework shall be allowed. Chaffcutters excepted.

*Transport.*

15. When the plant is working upon contract and the workers are not provided with food and accommodation by the farmer, the employer shall transport the men from his depot to and from their work each day.

*Medical Outfit.*

16. A fully equipped St. John kit or similar kit shall be kept by the driver in a convenient and accessible place to be used only in the event of accident.

*Workers to be Members of Union.*

17. (a) It shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this award to employ or to continue to employ in any position or employment subject to this award any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of

workers bound by this award or who is not for the time being a member of a trade-union which was registered as such before the 1st day of May, 1936, and which is bound by this award:

Provided, however, that any non-unionist may be continued in any position or employment by an employer bound by this award during any time while there is no member of a union bound by this award who is available to perform the particular work required to be done and is ready and willing to undertake it.

(b) For the purposes of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of eighteen years or upwards, and every other person who for the time being is in receipt of not less than the minimum rate of wages prescribed by this award for workers of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(NOTE.—Attention is drawn to subsection (4) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, which gives to workers the right to join the union.)

*Scope of Award.*

18. This award shall operate throughout the Marlborough Industrial District.

*Term of Award.*

19. This award, in so far as it relates to wages, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 9th day of November, 1936, and so far as all the other conditions of this award are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 31st day of July, 1937.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 9th day of December, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The only matter referred to the Court related to the providing of a medical outfit. In other respects the award embodies the recommendations arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

E. PAGE, Judge.