

(11377.) WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT **TOBACCO-WORKERS.**—
AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington Tobacco and Related Products Manufacturers' Employees Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

W. D. and H. O. Wills, Ltd., Tobacco-manufacturers,
Petone.

National Tobacco Co., Ltd., Port Ahuriri, Napier.

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 from the 4th day of January, 1937, and shall continue in force until

the 4th day of January, 1938, 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 22nd day of December, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Hours of Work.

1. Forty hours shall constitute a week's work, and shall be worked on five days in each week from Monday to Friday inclusive, to be worked between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

There shall be no work on Saturdays.

Wages.

2. The minimum rates of wages shall be as follows:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
Males--			
From 16 to 16½ years of age ..	1	0	0
From 16½ to 17 years of age ..	1	7	6
From 17 to 17½ years of age ..	1	13	6
From 17½ to 18 years of age ..	1	18	6
From 18 to 18½ years of age ..	2	3	6
From 18½ to 19 years of age ..	2	8	6
From 19 to 19½ years of age ..	2	13	6
From 19½ to 20 years of age ..	2	18	6
From 20 to 20½ years of age ..	3	3	6
From 20½ to 21 years of age ..	3	13	6
From 21 to 22 years of age ..	4	5	0
And thereafter	4	12	6
Workers in charge of two or more workers	4	15	0
Foremen in charge of departments ..	5	7	6
Females—			
First six months of employment ..	1	0	0
Second six months of employment ..	1	4	0
Third six months of employment ..	1	8	0
Fourth six months of employment ..	1	12	0
Fifth six months of employment ..	1	16	0
Sixth six months of employment ..	2	0	0
And thereafter	2	5	0

Provided that no female of the age of twenty-one years or upwards shall be paid less than £1 16s.

Forewomen shall be paid not less than £3.

Overtime.

3. Except as otherwise provided, time worked in excess of eight hours in any day shall be considered overtime and shall be paid for at time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter.

Casual Workers.

4. Male adult workers employed for less than one week shall be deemed to be casual workers and shall be paid at the rate of 2s. 6d. per hour.

When casual labour is employed a minimum of four hours shall be paid.

Weekly Employment.

5. (a) The employment shall be deemed to be weekly employment, and no deduction shall be made from the weekly rate except through the worker's sickness, or default, or his or her absence from work through no fault of the employer.

(b) Not less than seven days' notice shall be given by either party of the termination of employment, except in the case of a casual: Provided that nothing in this subclause shall prevent an employer from summarily dismissing any worker for wilful misconduct.

Payment of Wages.

6. Wages shall be paid weekly and in cash not later than Thursday of each week, except in the case of a casual, who shall be paid immediately on discharge.

Holidays.

7. (a) The following shall be recognized as holidays: New Year's Day, Boxing Day, Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, Sovereign's Birthday, and Christmas Day.

(b) Any work done on Sundays or on any of the public holidays mentioned in this clause shall be paid for at double time rates. Any work done on any other of the specified holidays or on any holiday in lieu thereof shall be paid for at time and a half rates. The said payments shall be made in addition to the weekly wage.

(c) During the closed down period, Christmas to New Year, each worker shall be paid, in addition to the statutory holidays, one week's pay.

Notice of Overtime.

8. When workers are required to work overtime on any day, the employer shall provide a meal or pay such worker 1s. 6d.

to enable him or her to obtain a meal unless such worker has been notified on the day previous that he or she will be required to work overtime: Provided that when such notice has been given and the worker's services are not required, then such worker shall still receive the meal allowance.

Meal-hours.

9. Not less than three-quarters of an hour shall be allowed for meals.

Accommodation.

10. The employer shall provide suitable dining and lavatory accommodation, together with facilities for changing clothes.

Reference.

11. A worker on leaving or being discharged, shall, on request, be given a written reference setting out the position held and the total period of the employment.

First-aid Outfit.

12. First-aid outfits shall be provided in all factories and shall be accessible to employees at all times. The employer shall be responsible for keeping supplies in clean containers and in charge of a responsible person.

Special Work.

13. (a) Girls working in the vicinity of bronze dust, arising from cigarette-making machines, and packers on packing machines in the same circumstances, shall be supplied daily with a pint of hot milk.

(b) Tobacco-driers on gas and steam stoves shall be supplied with a pint of hot milk daily.

(c) Workers employed on the stem-cleaning machine and the girl next to the operator of leaf-stemming machines shall be supplied daily with a pint of hot milk.

(d) Workers employed on the stem-cleaning machine shall work two months off this work and one month on.

Overalls.

14. (a) At the discretion of the employer, all workers shall be supplied with overalls, to be washed weekly by the workers and kept in repair by them.

(b) Workers employed feeding the dipped filler dryer shall be supplied with aprons.

(c) Overalls and aprons remain the property of the employers.

Disputes.

15. The essence of this award being that the work of the employers shall not, on any account whatsoever, be impeded, but shall always proceed as if no dispute had arisen, it is provided that if any dispute or difference shall arise between the parties bound by this award, or any of them, as to any matter whatsoever arising out of or connected therewith and not specifically dealt with in this award, every such dispute or difference shall be referred to a committee to be composed of two representatives of each side, together with an independent chairman, to be mutually agreed upon, or, in default of agreement, to be appointed by the Conciliation Commissioner for the district. Either side shall have the right to appeal to the Court against a decision of any such committee upon giving to the other side written notice of such appeal within fourteen days after such decision has been made known to the party desirous of appealing.

Definition of Workers covered by this Award.

16. (a) This award shall apply to all workers employed in the manufacture of tobacco, cigarettes, plug, and cigars, and to all workers employed in ancillary trades when employed in an establishment whose product for sale is confined to tobacco, cigarettes, plug, and cigars.

(b) This award shall not apply to any other workers employed in the tobacco industry up to and including the stage when the leaf tobacco is packed and delivered into bulk or bond store to await commencement of manufacture.

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.)

Under-rate Workers.

18. (a) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Right of Entry upon Premises.

19. The secretary or other authorized officer of the union shall, with the consent of the employer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), be entitled to enter at all reasonable times upon the premises or works, and there interview any workers, but not so as to interfere unreasonably with the employer's business.

Scope of Award.

20. This award shall operate throughout the Wellington Industrial District.

Term of Award.

21. This award shall come into force on the 4th day of January, 1937, and shall continue in force until the 4th day of January, 1938.

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 22nd day of December, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The matters in dispute related to wages, casual workers, and watchmen. In other respects the award embodies the recommendations arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

E. PAGE, Judge.
