

(11063.) WANGANUI CHEMICAL FERTILIZER AND ACID WORKERS; CANTERBURY MANURE, TALLOW, ACID, SOAP, AND CANDLE WORKERS; AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND MANURE, TALLOW, ACID, SOAP, AND CANDLE 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 applications to amend the Wanganui Chemical Fertilizer and Acid Workers' industrial agreement, dated 21st day of October, 1935, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXV, p. 1102; the Canterbury Manure, Tallow, Acid, Soap, and Candle Workers' award, dated the 31st day of January, 1935, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXV, p. 43; and the Otago and Southland Manure, Tallow, Acid, Soap, and Candle Makers' award, dated the 22nd day of October, 1925, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVA, p. 974. Mr. *H. G. Kilpatrick* 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 two awards and an industrial agreement above enumerated in so far as they relate to the chemical-manure-manufacturing industry only.

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, an application made on behalf of four 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.

In these cases the only industry dealt with is that of chemical-manure manufacturing and the parties, after some evidence had been taken before the Court, reached an agreement on all questions.

They have arranged that the working-week (exclusive of overtime) be 40 hours, and that men on shift work are to work 8 hours daily (including crib time of 20 minutes).

Under section 21 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, we accordingly make this order amending, on the terms above detailed, the awards, in so far as they relate to chemical-manure workers.

A corresponding order will, on 1st September, 1936, be made under section 3 of the Factories Amendment Act, 1936.

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 rate of weekly wages of any worker shall not be reduced by reason of the reduction made in the number of his working-hours.

Work on Saturdays will be permitted.

This order will take effect on 1st September, 1936.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1936.

[L.S.]

E. PAGE, Judge.

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