

CANTERBURY **GLUE-WORKERS.**—AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Canterbury Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Canterbury Freezing Works and Related Trades Employees' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned company (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

Davis Gelatine (N.Z.), Ltd., Christchurch.

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 22nd day of April, 1937, and shall continue in force until the 22nd day of April, 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 April, 1937.

[L.S.]

E. H. NORTHCROFT, Judge

SCHEDULE.

Hours of Work.

1. (a) A week's work shall consist of forty-four hours which shall be worked between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on five days of the week. No work shall exceed eight and a quarter hours in any one day without payment of overtime. On Saturday the hours of work shall not exceed four, and shall be worked between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

(b) The weekly hours for shift workers shall not exceed forty, which may be worked over six days of the week, provided that no shift exceeds eight hours, inclusive of crib-time.

(c) The hours of work for females and boys under sixteen years of age shall be forty per week, which may be worked over five and a half days.

(d) The management may by agreement with the union, vary the daily hours of commencing and ceasing work.

Wages.

2. The following shall be the minimum rates of wages.—

- (a) Filtermen on continuous shifts, 2s. 5·4d. per hour.
- (b) Other shift workers, 2s. 3·6d. per hour.
- (c) Grease filtermen, 2s. 1d. per hour.
- (d) Other workers, 2s. per hour.
- (e) Workers while engaged in crushing Kesilghur, 2d. per hour extra.

- (f) Workers while loading pans from sulphur-vats, shall be paid collectively 1s. 9d. per vat extra, to be divided equally amongst each member of the gang.
- (g) Workers while engaged in chipping boilers or cleansing boiler-flues, shall be paid 1s. per hour extra.
- (h) Workers while engaged in main sump, pushing down slurry after pumping, shall be paid 3d. per hour extra.
- (i) Provided the pans are unloaded whilst hot, workers unloading trotter-pans and who are actually working in the pans, shall be paid 6d. per pan each extra.

Employment of Youths.

3. Boys and youths may be employed at the discretion of the employer at not less than the following weekly rates of wages:—

Age commencing.	First Six Months.	Second Six Months.	Third Six Months.	Fourth Six Months.	Fifth Six Months.	Sixth Six Months.	Seventh Six Months.	Eighth Six Months.	Fifth Year.
Under 16 ..	17/6	22/6	27/6	32/6	37/6	42/6	47/6	52/6	57/6
16 to 17 ..	22/6	27/6	32/6	37/6	42/6	47/6	52/6	57/6	..
17 to 18 ..	27/6	32/6	37/6	42/6	47/6	52/6	57/6	..	..
18 to 19 ..	32/6	37/6	42/6	47/6	52/6	57/6	..	..	..
19 to 20 ..	40/-	45/-	50/-	57/6	..	..	..	..	..

Thereafter the adult wage: Provided that workers of the age of twenty-one years and upwards shall be paid not less than the basic wage for the time being prevailing.

Employment of Females.

4. (a) Female workers over the age of sixteen years may be employed: Provided that no female workers shall be required to handle any weight in excess of 28 lb.

(b) Suitably heated dressing-rooms shall be provided.

(c) For the purpose of this clause, all female workers employed at the date of this award coming into force, shall be deemed to be over sixteen years of age.

(d) The minimum rates of wages for females shall be as follows:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
First six months	0	16	0
Second six months	1	1	0
Third six months	1	9	0
Fourth six months	1	14	0
Thereafter	2	4	0

Overtime.

5. Except where otherwise provided, all time worked in excess of the hours mentioned in clause 1 hereof in any one day shall be considered overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter, except that this shall apply to men on shift, only after eight hours have been worked.

Holidays.

6. (a) All workers shall receive the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Easter Saturday, Anzac Day, Sovereign's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

(b) All holidays mentioned in subclause (a) hereof (except Easter Saturday), shall be subject to the conditions of section 14 (2) of the Factories Amendment Act, 1936, and shall be paid for in accordance with the provisions of such section as ordinary working-days of eight hours each.

(c) All work performed on the holidays mentioned in subclause (a) hereof (except Easter Saturday), shall be paid for at double rates in addition to the ordinary rates payable under subclause (b) hereof.

(d) All work performed on Sundays shall be paid for at double rates.

(e) Any work done on Easter Saturday shall be paid for at time and a half rates.

Payment of Wages.

7. Wages shall be paid weekly. Two days' lie-time shall be allowed. Any error or omission in the pay-sheet shall be adjusted where possible within forty-eight hours.

General Provisions.

8. (a) Ten minutes' "smoke-oh" shall be allowed during the morning of each day.

(b) Dining-room and dressing accommodation and facilities for drying clothes shall be provided by the employer, who shall be held responsible for the place being kept clean.

(c) Each worker shall be supplied where necessary with aprons, leggings, clogs, or gum boots.

(d) Suitable bathing accommodation shall be available for employees, and both hot and cold water shall be laid on and shall be readily accessible to employees.

(e) Drinking water of good quality shall be provided for employees.

(f) A hot-water urn shall be provided convenient to the dressing-rooms.

(g) Lavatory accommodation shall be provided and kept clean.

(h) A suitable covered bicycle-stand shall be provided.

(i) Respirators shall be allowed to workers employed on crushing Kesilghur.

(j) Where possible sulphur vats shall be drained off at least four hours before men are required to work in them. In the case of any dispute as to whether it is possible to comply with this subclause, the workers concerned shall have the right to appeal to the manager.

Disputes.

9. Anything not provided for in this award, or any dispute that may arise over anything that is provided for in this award, shall be mutually arranged between two representatives of the union and the works manager. In the event of their being unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the Conciliation Commissioner for settlement. Either side, if dissatisfied with the decision of the Conciliation Commissioner, shall have the right to appeal to the Court.

Workers to be Members of Union.

10. (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.

11. (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.

Extension of Hours under Factories Act.

12. Pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of the Factories Amendment Act, 1936, the limits of hours fixed by subsection (1) of that section are hereby extended upon the terms of this award in respect of every occupier of a factory bound or to be bound by such award.

Scope of Award.

13. This award shall operate throughout the Canterbury Industrial District.

Term of Award.

14. This award shall come into force on the 22nd day of April, 1937, and shall continue in force until the 22nd day of April, 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 April, 1937.

[L.S.]

E. H. NORTHCROFT, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The only matter referred to the Court related to under-rate workers. In other respects the award embodies the recommendations arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

The Court has fixed a forty-four hour week in this industry because the parties in Conciliation Council have agreed on such hours.

E. H. NORTHCROFT, Judge.