

NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH, CANTERBURY, AND
OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND **SHEARERS AND SHED HANDS.**—
DETERMINATION OF COMMITTEE REGARDING RATES OF
WAGES FOR 1937-38 SEASON.

RATES OF PAY, 1937-38.

Awards dated 10th August, 1936, covering Rates of Pay for Shearers and Shed Hands for Seasons 1936-37 to 1938-39 (inclusive).

1. Pursuant to the above awards, Mr. J. W. Butcher, Government Statistician, Mr. W. H. Nicholson, as representative of the employers, and Mr. A. Cook, as representative of the shearers' unions, met at Wellington on the 27th day of July, 1937.

2. The Government Statistician's index number for export prices of greasy wool, calculated for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1936, was taken as equal to 1000, and it was found that the index number for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1937, was 1700.

3. The rates of pay for the 1937-38 season will therefore be as follows:—

Shearers—

- (a) The rate for shearing by machines shall be not less than 34s. per 100, with rations.
- (b) The rate for shearing lambs shall be not less than 34s. per 100, with rations.
- (c) The rate for shearing by hand shall be not less than 36s. 6d. per 100, with rations.
- (d) In cases where the shearers find themselves in rations an allowance of 4s. per day shall be paid.
- (e) The rate for shearing stud sheep and hogget rams shall be rate and a half, and for other rams double ordinary rate.

Shed hands—

- (a) Pressers: By the week, £5 1s.; by the hour, 2s. 9d.
- (b) All other shed hands: By the week, £4 11s.; by the hour, 2s. 7d.

Cooks: For twelve men or under, at the rate of £5 11s. per week, or £1 1s. per day if employed for less than seven days.

(Where over twelve men are employed the wages shall be increased by 2s. 6d. per week for each additional man required to be cooked for, and where the number exceeds eighteen an assistant shall be employed, and where over twenty-eight men are employed the rate shall be by mutual agreement.)

Cook's assistants: At the rate of £4 16s. per week, or 17s. 4d. per day if employed for less than seven days.

- (Sgd.) J. W. BUTCHER, Government Statistician.
 (Sgd.) WM. H. NICHOLSON, Employers' representative.
 (Sgd.) ARTHUR COOK, Shearers' Union representative.

Wellington, 27th July, 1937.
