

NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH, NELSON, AND WESTLAND **TIMBER-YARDS AND SAWMILLS EMPLOYEES.**—MEMORANDUM OF INTENTION *re* WAGES.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern, Wellington, Marlborough, Nelson, and Westland Industrial Districts.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the New Zealand (except Taranaki, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland) Timber-workers' Industrial Union of Workers, applicant, and H. Baigent and Son, Sawmillers, Nelson and Marlborough; J. C. Malfroy and Co., Ltd., Sawmillers, Hokitika; the Taringamutu Totara Sawmills, Ltd., Taumarunui; and Bassett and Co., Ltd., Wanganui; and other employers, respondents.

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT, DELIVERED BY HUNTER, J.

AN industrial dispute between the New Zealand (except Taranaki, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland) Timber-workers' Industrial Union of Workers, applicant, and H.

Baigent and Son, Sawmillers, Nelson and Marlborough; J. C. Malfroy and Co., Ltd., Sawmillers, Hokitika; the Taringamutu Totara Sawmills, Ltd., Taumarunui; and Bassett and Co., Ltd., Wanganui; and other employers, respondents, has been referred to a Council of Conciliation for settlement.

The parties in Conciliation Council agreed on a lengthy classification of workers, but were unable to agree on the rates of wages for each class. They indicated to the Court that if it would fix the rate for the first class mentioned in the schedule—viz., “Any department: All adult male workers in the industry not specified hereunder,” and referred the dispute back to the Conciliation Council, the assessors may then be able to agree on the rates for the remaining classes.

The Court, having heard the duly appointed representatives of the parties to the said dispute, and having considered the evidence and argument submitted by and on behalf of the said parties, hereby orders as follows: That the minimum rate of wages for the class of workers above referred to shall be 2s. 4½d. per hour.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1938.

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— W. J. HUNTER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

In fixing the wage above-mentioned the Court has followed the amount fixed by the Court of Arbitration for similar workers in the North Canterbury Timber-yard, Coal-yard, and Sawmill Employees' award dated 22nd December, 1937.

W. J. HUNTER, Judge.
