

DEVONPORT STEAM FERRY CO.'S EMPLOYEES.—AWARD.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Devonport Ferry Co.'s Employees' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned company (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

The Devonport Steam Ferry Co., Ltd., Auckland.

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 as hereinafter provided and shall continue in force until the 16th day of January, 1939, 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 18th day of February, 1938.

[L.S.]

W. J. HUNTER, Judge.

SCHEDULE.

Hours of Work.

1. (a) The weekly hours of work for all workers shall be forty-two hours, consisting of not more than six shifts, not exceeding nine hours to be worked in any one shift.

(b) Workers shall be employed weekly on morning and afternoon shifts alternately, unless otherwise arranged by mutual consent of the employer and the workers affected: Provided that, with the exception of changing shifts, a period of at least eight hours off duty shall be allowed between each shift worked.

All hours required to be worked by the relieving crews within such eight hours' break, between shifts, shall be deemed to be overtime, and shall be paid for at overtime rates.

(c) When necessary workers may be required by the employer to work a two-legged broken shift: Provided that the complete shift shall be worked within a span of twelve consecutive hours.

(d) For the purpose of this award the week shall commence at midnight on Sunday and finish at midnight on the Sunday following, or on the termination of the Sunday night shift.

Wages.

2. The minimum rate of wages shall be:—		Per Week.		
		£	s.	d.
Masters	6	0	0
Mates	4	13	0
Firemen	4	11	0
Ticket-checkers	4	6	0
Night-watchmen	4	13	6
Wharf hands	4	6	0
Ticket-sellers	4	11	0

Arrangement of Duties.

3. Notice of duties for the following week shall be posted in some conspicuous place accessible to the workers on the previous Friday and Saturday respectively, not later than 12 noon.

Overtime.

4. (a) When a worker is required to work in excess of nine hours in any one shift, other than getting-ready time, whatever additional hours he may work on such shift shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter; and the hours so worked shall not be included as part of the weekly hours.

(b) Subject to the provision of the above subclause (a), all time worked in excess of the ordinary forty-two hours in any one week shall be paid for at time and a half rates.

(c) Workers required to work on their days off shall be paid at time and a half rates for all such time worked.

Sunday Time.

5. All workers who are employed on Sunday shall be paid for such work at one-half ordinary time rates in addition to their weekly wages. Casual workers employed on Sunday shall be paid at time and a half rates (such additional one-half ordinary time rates not to apply to preparatory time).

Holidays.

6. (a) Twenty-one days' holiday on full pay each year shall be given to all employees who have been in the employer's service for a period of one year. These holidays shall be given on consecutive days, as arranged by holiday roster, where practicable.

(b) When any worker who has been in the employ of the employer for not less than three months is discharged for any reason other than his own default, or leaves of his own accord, he shall be paid for holidays to which he is entitled on a *pro rata* basis.

Coaling.

7. When coaling steamers, assistance shall be given to the crews shovelling coal. Masters shall not be required to take part in coaling.

Meals.

8. When workers are ordered on an excursion or to work a double shift and have not been notified the day previous, the employer shall provide meals, or pay a cash equivalent.

Terms of Engagement.

9. The engagement, except in the case of casual workers, shall be a weekly one, and the wages paid weekly without deduction, save for time lost through the worker's own default or through sickness.

Casual Labour.

10. All casual labour shall be paid 6d. per hour extra over the ordinary rate of wages for the particular class of work. A "casual worker" shall mean one who is employed for fourteen days or less.

General Conditions.

11. (a) The place of starting work shall be Auckland, Devonport, Bayswater, and Birkenhead respectively. A worker required to travel to any of the above-mentioned places from his usual place of starting shall be paid one-quarter of an hour travelling-time each way at ordinary rates.

(b) The starting-place for ticket-sellers shall be Beaumont Street, Ferry Buildings, Mechanics Bay, and Devonport respectively.

(c) Firemen employed on steamers fitted with triple-expansion engines shall be allowed one hour to get ready, and on steamers fitted with compound engines three-quarters of an hour.

(d) Notwithstanding the above, firemen employed on the "Ngoiro" when tubes and fires are cleaned shall be allowed one hour and a half.

(e) When a crew is notified to be on duty and the steamer's charter is cancelled, an allowance of two hours, including travelling-time, shall be given; the firemen shall receive the additional allowance for getting ready, provided cancellation of such notification is not given to the worker at least two hours prior to his time of starting work for that day.

Matters not provided for.

12. 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 dealt with in this award, every such dispute or difference shall be settled between the employer and the secretary and president, together with two members of the executive of the union, and in default of any agreement being arrived at, then such dispute shall be referred to the Conciliation Commissioner, who may either decide the same or refer the matter to the Court. Either party, if dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner, may appeal to the Court within seven days after such decision shall have been communicated to the party desiring to appeal.

Under-rate Workers.

13. (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.

Workers to be Members of Union.

14. (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 at 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.)

Scope of Award.

15. This award shall apply only to the parties named herein.

Term of Award.

16. This award, in so far as it relates to wages, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 17th day of January, 1938, and so far as all the other conditions of this award are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 16th day of January, 1939.

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 18th day of February, 1938.

[L.S.]

W. J. HUNTER, Judge.

MEMORANDUM.

The only matter referred to the Court was the date of the coming into force of the award, other than the wages provisions. The Court has recast the disputes clause, but in other respects the award embodies the recommendations arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

The weekly hours of work have been fixed at forty-two in accordance with the agreement reached in the Conciliation Council.

W. J. HUNTER, Judge.
