

NEW ZEALAND SHEARERS AND SHED HANDS.—DETERMINATION OF COMMITTEE REGARDING RATES OF WAGES FOR 1940-41 SEASON.

RATES OF PAY, 1940-41.

Award dated 18th September, 1939, covering rates of pay for Shearers and Shed Hands for Seasons 1939-40 to 1941-42 (inclusive).

1. Pursuant to the above award, 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 24th day of July, 1940.

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, 1940, was 1350.

3. The rates of pay for the 1940-41 season will therefore be as follows:—

Shearers—

- (a) The rate for shearing by machines shall be not less than £1 10s. 6d. per hundred, with rations.
- (b) The rate for shearing lambs shall be not less than £1 10s. 6d. per hundred, with rations.

- (c) The rate for shearing by hand shall be not less than £1 13s. per hundred, 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, £4 10s. 6d.; by the hour, 2s. 5½d.
- (b) All other shed hands: By the week, £4 0s. 6d.; by the hour, 2s. 3½d.
- (c) Cooks: For twelve men or under, at the rate of £5 0s. 6d. per week, or 19s. 3d. 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 men an assistant shall be employed, and where over twenty-eight men are employed the rate shall be by mutual agreement.)
- (d) Cooks' assistants: At the rate of £4 5s. 6d. per week, or 16s. 2d. per day if employed for less than seven days.
- (e) A presser may work at a piecework rate to be agreed on with his employer, but so that he shall in any event be paid not less than the minimum hourly rates herein specified for the time actually worked by him.
- (f) Each worker shall be provided with rations by his employer. In any case where it is agreed between the employer and the worker that the worker shall provide his own rations, he shall be paid at the rate of 4s. per day in addition to the rates herein prescribed.
- (g) The rates for the 1940-41 season under clause 3 of the award shall be:—

For pressers . . . 2s. 0½d. per hour.
 For shed hands . . . 1s. 10d. per hour.

J. W. BUTCHER, Government Statistician.

WM. H. NICHOLSON, Employers' representative.

ARTHUR COOK, Shearers' Union representative.

Wellington, 24th July, 1940.