CANTERBURY PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS.—AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Canterbury Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923, and its amendments; and in the matter of the Canterbury Plumbers and Gasfitters' apprenticeship order, dated the 4th day of October, 1939, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXIX, p. 1581.

Monday, the 7th day of April, 1941.

WHEREAS by section 5 (2) of the Apprentices Act, 1923, the Court is empowered to amend any order made under section 5 (1) of the said Act: And whereas application has been made to the Court for an amendment of the Canterbury Plumbers and Gasfitters' apprenticeship order, dated the 4th day of October, 1939, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXXIX, p. 1581: And whereas the Court has heard the representatives of the employers and workers bound by the said order: Now, therefore, the Court, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the said Act, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said order shall be amended by striking out from clause 17 (b) thereof the words "Except in the case of an apprentice who has served five years."

2. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the day of the date hereof.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

Memorandum.

The amendment is designed to make the clause identical in wording with similar clauses already appearing in four other district apprenticeship orders in the same industry.

It was contended on behalf of the employers that the special difficulties experienced in the urgent repair of water-pipes burst by the action of frost are such in the Canterbury District as to justify rejection of the application, but with this view a majority of the Court is not in agreement. Mr. Prime disagrees.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.