

NEW ZEALAND SHIFT ENGINEERS (FREEZING WORKS).—
AGREEMENT UNDER THE LABOUR DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT, 1913.

THIS industrial agreement, made in pursuance of the Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913, this 15th day of April, 1942, between the New Zealand Institute of Marine and Power Engineers (Inc.) (hereinafter referred to as "the workers"), of the one part, and the—

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Borthwick, Thos., and Sons (A/sia), Ltd., Masterton
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Gear Meat Co., Ltd., Wellington

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Hawke's Bay Farmers' Meat Co., Ltd., Box 251, Hastings

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New Zealand Refrigerating Co., Ltd., P.O. Box 1240, Christchurch

North Canterbury Sheep-farmers' Co-operative Freezing Export and Agency Co., Ltd., Kaiapoi

Patea Freezing Co., Ltd., Box 84, Patea

Southland Frozer Meat and Produce Export Co., Ltd., Invercargill

South Otago Freezing Co., Ltd., Finegand, Balclutha

Swifts (N.Z.), Ltd., Wairoa, Hawke's Bay

The Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Longburn Freezing-works, Longburn

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Westfield Freezing Co., Ltd., P.O. Box 17, Auckland

(hereinafter referred to as "the employers"), of the other part, whereby it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:—

(1) That the terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions contained and set out in the schedule hereto shall be binding upon the said parties, and they shall be deemed to be and are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this agreement.

(2) The said parties hereto shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this agreement and by the said terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this agreement or of the said terms, conditions, stipulations, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same.

SCHEDULE.

Branch of Work covered.

1. "Shift engineer" shall be the branch of workers covered by this agreement.

The provisions of this agreement shall not apply to any worker employed in the capacity of second engineer.

Interpretation.

2. A shift engineer shall mean a worker who has served an apprenticeship of at least five years as a mechanical engineer in a workshop where engines are built or repaired, and who during his shift is required to be in charge of machinery.

Duties.

3. The duties of a shift engineer shall be to operate the machinery during his shift and to effect such repairs as may be reasonably necessary for the safety of the machinery running.

He may also be called upon to do overhaul and repair work, and also erect new machinery in the establishment in which he is employed.

In the event of a breakdown in the machinery which would interfere with the running of the works the chief engineer may recall any shift engineer to work in order to effect repairs to meet the emergency.

Hours of Work.

4. Forty-eight hours shall constitute a week's work, and shall be arranged to suit the exigencies of the works by mutual arrangement between the shift engineers and the employer.

Salary.

5. The rate of salary for workers coming within the scope of this agreement shall be:—

	Per Annum.		
	£	s.	d.
Salary, including payments in the terms of sections 14 and 15 of the Factories Amendment Act, 1936	425	0	0
Add cost-of-living bonus 1940, 5 per cent.	21	5	0
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	446	5	0
Plus addition, including the Court's cost-of-living order (£13) of April, 1942	23	15	0
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	£470	0	0

The above to apply as from 1st April, 1942, and to continue without alteration until 31st December, 1943, excepting that any increase given by general order of the Court after this 15th day of April, 1942, shall be applicable to the salary of £425 per annum.

Any worker covered by this agreement at present in receipt of a higher salary than provided for herein shall not have his salary reduced whilst in his present employment.

The daily rate of pay shall be computed by dividing the annual salary by fifty-two into weekly amounts, and daily payments arrived at on the basis of six watches per week.

Overtime.

6. All time worked in excess of forty-eight hours per week shall be given as time off within one month in the ratio of one and a half hours for every hour worked. If such time off is not given within one month the annual leave of absence of the engineer shall be increased by the amount of time worked in excess of the above-mentioned hours in the ratio referred to above.

Termination of Employment.

7. One month's notice of termination of employment shall be given by either side.

Holidays.

8. Every engineer covered by this agreement shall be entitled in each year to leave of absence on full pay for a continuous period of sixteen days.

The holiday shall be deemed to be accruing through each year of service, so that if after six months' continuous service an engineer is discharged for any cause (other than misconduct) or leaves of his own accord he shall be paid at ordinary rates for such proportion of his holiday as shall then have accrued.

The time at which such holiday is taken shall be at the discretion of the chief engineer, and, if possible, shall be given during the months of September, October, or November.

Accommodation.

9. The employer shall provide suitable accommodation for the engineers, including all conveniences, and a room to enable them to partake of their meals in reasonable comfort; also suitable lockers in which clothes may be hung.

Settlement of Disputes.

10. In the event of a dispute arising upon any matter, whether referred to in this agreement or not, affecting engineers covered by this agreement, the point in dispute shall be referred to three representatives of the employers and three representatives of the employees for settlement. Should these fail to agree, the matter shall then be referred to the arbitration of an umpire mutually agreed upon by the said representatives, and the decision of the umpire shall be final.

Preference.

11. Preference of employment shall at all times be given to members of the New Zealand Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.

Carrying-out of Agreement.

12. This agreement shall be honourably carried out in its entirety by both parties, notwithstanding any differences which may arise on matters not already provided for in this agreement.

Term of Agreement.

13. This agreement shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1942, and shall remain in force until the 31st day of December, 1943.

Signed on behalf of the New Zealand Institute of Marine and Power Engineers (Inc.)—

E. E. LOW, Vice-President.

W. SOMMERVILLE, Secretary.

Witness to signatures—M. J. Reardon, Conciliation Commissioner.

Signed on behalf of the following employers—

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J. J. EVANS, Company Manager.

C. G. WILKIN, Authorized Agent.

Witness to signatures—M. J. Reardon, Conciliation Commissioner.

(NOTE.—This agreement, made under the Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913, was filed with the Clerk of Awards at Wellington, pursuant to section 8 (1) of the said Act, on the 15th day of April, 1942.)