

NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT **ELECTRICAL WORKERS.**—
AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923, and its amendments; and in the matter of the Northern Industrial District Electrical Workers' apprenticeship order, dated the 26th day of September, 1938, and recorded in 38 Book of Awards 2904.

Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 1942.

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 the Auckland Electrical Workers' Industrial Union of Workers has made application to the Court for an amendment of the Northern Industrial District Electrical Workers' apprenticeship order, dated the 26th day of September, 1938, and recorded in 38 Book of Awards 2904: And whereas the Court has considered the recommendations made to it by the Apprenticeship Committee for the trade in the district and 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 in the manner following:—

(a) By striking out from clause 5 thereof the words "if he holds a Standard VI certificate and fifteen years in other cases", and substituting therefor the words "but no person shall be admitted to serve as an apprentice in the electrical trade unless he produces to the Apprenticeship Committee satisfactory written evidence that he has completed the prescribed educational course of not less than two years to a post-primary standard, and that he has completed that course with a minimum of 40 per cent. pass in each of the following subjects: English, mathematics, and drawing: Provided that where the prescribed course is not available in a school a correspondence course to a similar standard may be accepted."

(b) By adding after clause 4 thereof the following clause:—

"4A. Where practicable the employer, apprentice, and parents (or guardian) shall be required to attend together at the office of the District Registrar of Apprentices for the signing of the contract, and the District Registrar shall advise all parties of their obligations under the contract and as to the manner

in which any complaints may be made by any party to the contract to the District Registrar for the consideration of the Apprenticeship Committee.

“On the registration of an apprentice, the District Registrar shall forward to the apprentice, to the parent or guardian, and to the employer the following information:—

“(a) An extract from appropriate legislation pertinent to the apprentice’s obligations:

“(b) The location of the nearest technical school, with a syllabus of the course recommended for the apprentice:

“(c) The name of the technical school nearest to the apprentice which provides a correspondence course in suitable subjects.”

(c) By adding, after clause 11 thereof, the following clauses:—

“11A. The employer shall forward half-yearly reports in July and December to the District Registrar of Apprentices, for reference to the Apprenticeship Committee, giving details as to the general behaviour of the apprentice, his suitability or otherwise for the trade, diligence, interest in work, and the progress he is making. Copies of these reports shall be forwarded by the Apprenticeship Committee to the parent or guardian. Where possible the Apprenticeship Committee shall also obtain half-yearly reports from the technical school as to the attendance and progress of the apprentice. Copies of these shall be sent to the parent or guardian and the employer.

“11B. Where possible it shall be compulsory for all apprentices to attend technical school or other approved institution. In localities where such classes are available on Saturday mornings it shall (for the war period) be necessary for the apprentice to attend on that day. For attendance at school on Saturday morning the employer shall pay the apprentice ordinary time rates (with a minimum payment of 2s.) in addition to the weekly wage.

“Where attendance at a technical school is not possible the apprentice shall take a course of technical training through a correspondence school conducted by the Education Department or other approved institution.”

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

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.