

**DUNEDIN LAUNDRY EMPLOYEES.—APPLICATION FOR AWARD**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Dunedin Laundry Employees' Industrial Union of Workers and the City Dye Works, 137 George Street, Dunedin, and others.

**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT, DELIVERED BY TYNDALL, J.**

THE industrial dispute referred to the Court is stated to be between the Dunedin Laundry Employees' Industrial Union of Workers and City Dye Works and others. The industry affected by the dispute is described in clause 1 of the partial settlement as the laundering, dry-cleaning, and dyeing industry.

The membership rule of the union which created the dispute reads:—

Any person of good character and sober habits employed or intending to be employed as a laundry worker (other than a presser or a clothing repair worker) in the Dunedin District shall become a member of the union, without ballot or other election, on making written application to the secretary or other person authorized in that behalf by the committee, and, except as otherwise provided by paragraph (d) of this rule, paying an entrance fee of 5s. for males and 2s. 6d. for females.

It appears quite clear that workers engaged in dry-cleaning and dyeing establishments as distinct from laundering establishments are not eligible to become members of the union. Consequently the Court is not in a position to make, on the application of the said union, an award to cover the industry described in the first clause of the partial settlement (see 12 Book of Awards 890).

Furthermore, it is noted that the scope of the dispute purports to cover the Otago and Southland Industrial District, whereas the scope of the union appears to be restricted to the Dunedin District.

The dispute is therefore referred back to the parties.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1943.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

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