OTAGO PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS,—AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923, and its amendments; and in the matter of the Otago Plumbers and Gasfitters' apprenticeship order, dated the 6th day of November, 1940, and recorded in 40 Book of Awards 1891.

WEDNESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 1943

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 Otago Plumbers and Gasfitters' Apprenticeship Committee has made application to the Court for amendment of the Otago Plumbers and Gasfitters' apprenticeship order, dated the 6th day of November, 1940, and recorded in 40 Book of Awards 1891:

And whereas the Court has considered the recommendation made to it by the said committee: 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 clauses 2 and 10 of the said order are hereby amended by striking out the words "plumbing and gasfitting", and substituting therefor the following words: "plumbing

and/or gasfitting".

2. That clauses 6 and 7 of the said order are hereby deleted,

and the following clause substituted therefor:-

"6. (a) An employer before employing an apprentice to learn the trade shall first apply to the Apprenticeship Committee for its approval, and when required he shall furnish in writing to the committee particulars of the journeymen employed for the previous six months, and also particulars of the apprentices employed and the apprentice intended to be employed, and shall satisfy the committee that he is a suitable employer, is in a position to continue in business as an employer, and has the workshop facilities for properly

teaching the apprentice the trade.

- "(b) The proportion of apprentices to any employer or firm shall be as follows: Each firm or employer shall be entitled to one apprentice when a journeyman has been employed for at least twelve months; after that the number employed shall not exceed one apprentice to each two journeymen employed for the previous six months. The proportion of apprentices to journeymen employed by any employer shall, for the purpose of determining whether such employer is entitled to enter into a contract of apprenticeship with an apprentice, be based upon the number of journeymen who, at the date of the making of the contract of apprenticeship, had been employed by that employer for full time for a period of six months preceding that date. It is further provided that the apprentice allowed to an employer or firm shall be allowed only where the employer or one member of the firm is a registered plumber who himself works substantially at the trade.
- "(c) No employer shall be permitted to employ apprentices to the plumbing trade who is not or who does not employ a registered plumber."
- 3. That clause 11 of the said order is hereby deleted, and the following clause substituted therefor:—
- "11. Every apprentice who, whether he has been ordered to attend such classes or not, shall have obtained from the Education Department a notification that he has passed in theory and practice the intermediate grade of the technological

examination shall, upon production of such notification to his employer, be paid during the fourth year of his apprenticeship at the rate of not less than 5s. per week in excess of the minimum rates provided in clause 9 hereof, and during the fifth year and sixth year of his apprenticeship at the rate of not less than 7s. 6d. per week in excess of such minimum rate."

- 4. That subclause (b) of clause 18 is hereby deleted, and the following subclause substituted therefor:—
- "18. (b) No apprentice shall be permitted to work overtime unless he is under the constant supervision of a competent tradesman."
- 5. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the day of the date hereof.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

The amendment embodies the recommendations of the Apprenticeship Committee. The application was forwarded to the District Registrar of Apprentices before the 15th December, 1942, and consequently the Court is not required to have regard to the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942 (Regulation 43A, subclauses 2 (d) and 7).

A. TYNDALL, Judge.