
**NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, AND CANTERBURY BOOT-
REPAIRERS AND BESPOKE WORKERS.—AMENDMENT OF
AWARD**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942; and in the matter of an application for amendment of the Northern, Wellington, and Canterbury Boot-repairers and Bespoke Workers' award, dated the 18th day of December, 1944, and recorded in 44 Book of Awards 1107.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942, and upon application made by a party to the Northern, Wellington, and

Canterbury Boot-repairers and Bespoke Workers' award, dated the 18th day of December, 1944, and recorded in 44 Book of Awards 1107, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended by deleting clause 3, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“ Wages

“ 3. (a) Except where otherwise provided herein, the rates of wages for all male workers coming within the scope of this award shall be 3s. 0½d. per hour.

“ For female workers the rate shall be £4 10s. per week, from which no deduction shall be made except for time lost through sickness, accident, or default.

“(b) An employer may arrange with his workers to work on piecework rates to be mutually agreed upon between the employer and the union.

“(c) An employer may enter into agreement with any of his employees for the payment of a weekly wage of not less than £5 15s. per week, and no deduction shall be made from the weekly wage except for time lost through the worker's sickness, accident, or default.

“(d) Journeymen while engaged on bespoke work shall be paid a minimum rate of 3s. 0½d. per hour.”

2. That this order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 1945.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

This does not preserve and restore the position of these workers in relation to the majority of workers in New Zealand, but has the effect of making a new classification for weekly workers under some awards (this is one), and leaves these workers in a lower relative position in the wage structure than they occupied before. The workers on a weekly wage should have received an additional 1s. 8d. to preserve their relative position; in fact, they have not been restored to the proper position in the wage structure.