

WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FISH-SHOP EMPLOYEES.—
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 Wellington Industrial District Fish-shop Employees' award, dated the 28th day of September, 1938, and recorded in 38 Book of Awards 2442.

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 Wellington Industrial District Fish-shop Employees' award, dated the 28th day of September, 1938, and recorded in 38 Book of Awards 2442, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended—

(i) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 3 (Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) Workers shall be paid not less than the wages specified in the following scale:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
“ First shopman or man in charge ..	5	16	0
“ All other workers	5	6	0 ”

(ii) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 4 (Employment of Youths), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) Youths may be employed at not less than the following rates:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
“ From 15 to 15½ years of age ..	1	7	0
“ From 15½ to 16 years of age ..	1	12	0
“ From 16 to 16½ years of age ..	1	18	0
“ From 16½ to 17 years of age ..	2	4	0
“ From 17 to 18 years of age ..	2	11	6
“ From 18 to 19 years of age ..	2	19	0
“ From 19 to 20 years of age ..	3	10	0
“ From 20 to 21 years of age ..	4	1	0
“ Thereafter as in clause 3.”			

(iii) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 5 (Casual Labour), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) Casual labour may be employed at the rate of 3s. 0½d. per hour.”

(iv) By deleting clause 10, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“ *Meal-money*

“ 10. All workers ordered back to work overtime shall be paid 2s. tea-money unless notified to do such work on the previous day.

“ The meal-money payment provided for in this clause shall not be subject to the provisions of the two general orders of the Court made under the Rates of Wages Emergency Regulations 1940, and dated the 9th August, 1940, and the 31st March, 1942, respectively.”

2. That for the purpose of removing doubts as to the operation of the two general orders of the Court made under the Rates of Wages Emergency Regulations 1940, and dated the 9th August, 1940, and the 31st March, 1942, respectively, it is hereby declared that the amended rates of remuneration provided by this order shall, except where otherwise provided, be increased to the extent and in the manner set forth in the said two general orders of the Court.

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

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

This amendment, except in the case of casual workers, does not restore or preserve the relative position of the workers covered by this award, but places them in a worse position in the new wage structure than they previously occupied. In other words, they have, in comparison with many other classes of workers, been placed on the wage scale in a lower position.
