

NEW ZEALAND TAXI-DRIVERS.—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 an amendment of the New Zealand Taxi-drivers' award, dated the 20th day of December, 1943, and recorded in 43 Book of Awards 757.

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 New Zealand Taxi-drivers' award, dated the 20th day of December, 1943, and recorded in 43 Book of Awards 757, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended—

(i) By deleting clause 4, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

*“ Wages*

*“ 4. Except as otherwise provided, the minimum wages shall be £5 12s. 6d. per week.”*

(ii) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 6 (Overtime), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) Any time worked in excess of ten hours in any one day or in excess of sixty hours in any week shall be considered overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of 3s. 4½d. per hour.”

(iii) By deleting clause 8, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“*Casual Drivers*

“8. Drivers employed for a period of less than one week shall be deemed to be casual drivers, and may be employed at a wage of 2s. 6½d. per hour ordinary time and 3s. 8d. per hour for any time worked in excess of ten hours in any one day. This clause shall not apply to regular employees whose substantial employment is not that of driving but who may be employed occasionally or in emergency driving, provided that such an employee shall be paid not less than the rates prescribed by this award for the time so occupied, and provided also that his own award hours are not exceeded.

“Casual drivers shall receive a minimum of four hours’ pay for any one engagement.”

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

Dated this 22nd 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 weekly workers should have received an increase of 14s. 7d. a week to preserve their relative position. In fact, they have not been restored to the proper position in the wage structure.