
NEW ZEALAND **PASSENGER-TRANSPORT 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 amendment of the New Zealand Passenger-transport Drivers' award, dated the 1st day of June, 1938, and recorded in 38 Book of Awards 1253.

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 Passenger-

transport Drivers' award, dated the 1st day of June, 1938, and recorded in 38 Book of Awards 1253, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended—

(i) By deleting clause 3 (Part I, Relating to Omnibus-drivers), and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“ Wages

“ 3. Except where otherwise provided, the minimum wage payable to omnibus-drivers covered by this Part of the award shall be £6 per week.”

(ii) By deleting clause 7 (Part II, Relating to Service-car Drivers), and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“ Wages

“ 7. The minimum wage payable to drivers of service cars covered by this Part of the award shall be £6 1s. per week.”

(iii) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 11 (Casual Drivers, Part III), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) 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 3s. 4½d. per hour ordinary time and 3s. 11d. per hour for any time worked in excess of ten hours on 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 at driving.”

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 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 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. Weekly workers should have received an increase of 11s. 8d. per week in the case of omnibus-drivers and 12s. 10d. per week in the case of service-car drivers to preserve their relative position. In fact, they have not been restored to the proper position in the wage structure.
