

**NEW ZEALAND LOCAL BODIES' 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 Local Bodies' Drivers' award, dated the 13th day of December, 1940, and recorded in 40 Book of Awards 2177.

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 Local Bodies' Drivers' award, dated the 13th day of December, 1940, and recorded in 40 Book of Awards 2177, 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) The minimum rates of wages for workers coming within the scope of this award shall be as follows:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
“(i) For those driving and attending one horse	5	7	2
“(ii) For those driving and attending two horses	5	10	2
“(iii) For those driving and attending more than two horses, an extra rate of 6d. per day or 2s. 6d. per week shall be paid for each horse above two.			
“(iv) Drivers of any class of motor-vehicle (not otherwise specified) with a combined weight of vehicle and maximum load not exceeding the weights set out in the following schedule shall be paid not less than the following rates—			
“Up to 2 tons (including motor-cycles and tri-cars)	5	10	2
“Over 2 tons and up to 4 tons	5	12	8
“Over 4 tons and up to 5½ tons	5	15	2
“Over 5½ tons and up to 10 tons	5	19	2
“Over 10 tons	6	2	2
“(v) For those driving and operating tractors not otherwise specified	5	14	2

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
"(vi) For drivers driving a tractor and at the same time operating a grader without the assistance of any other worker, and for grader-drivers, drivers of mechanical shovels, bulldozers, excavators, or any other self-propelled mechanical implement not elsewhere specified and other than motor lawn-mowers ..	6	4	2
"(vii) For drivers of heavy road-rollers (other than steam-driven) ..	5	19	2
"(viii) For workers operating small motor-rollers such as footpath-rollers ..	5	10	2

(ii) By deleting subclauses (d) and (g) of clause 12 (Country Work), and substituting therefor the following subclauses:—

"(d) Such workers employed upon country work shall be paid an additional sum of 6s. per working-day, but the employer may in lieu thereof provide them at his own expense with suitable board and lodgings; or, where the employer provides satisfactory accommodation, 3s. 6d. shall be paid for food allowance for every working-day the workers are in camp. For the purposes of this clause 'satisfactory accommodation' shall include provision for cooking, storage of food, and reasonable sanitary conveniences.

"The provisions of the two general orders of the Court made under the Rates of Wages Emergency Regulations 1940 shall not apply to the payments provided for in this subclause."

"(g) Notwithstanding anything contained herein, an employer may agree with any worker that in respect of any specified country work the hours of work shall be other than those hereinbefore prescribed: Provided, however, that all time worked outside or in excess of such prescribed hours shall be considered overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of 1½d. an hour in addition to the ordinary rates."

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 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 12s. 4d. a week to preserve their relative position. In fact, they have not been restored to the proper position in the wage structure.
