

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND **LIME-WORKERS.**—AMENDMENT OF
AWARD

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland 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 Otago and Southland Lime-workers' award, dated the 21st day of November, 1944, and recorded in 44 Book of Awards 918.

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 Otago and Southland Lime-workers' award, dated the 21st day of November, 1944, and recorded in 44 Book of Awards 918, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended—

(i) By deleting subclause (c) of clause 4 (Overtime), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(c) No worker shall be required to work more than five hours continuously without being allowed time for a meal or a meal allowance of 2s.: Provided that if men are required to work overtime continuously for more than two hours at other than shift-work they shall be allowed half an hour for a meal and a meal allowance of 2s.

"The provisions of clause 8 hereof increasing rates of remuneration shall not apply to the meal-money payment provided for in this subclause."

(ii) By deleting clause 6, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

"Wages"

"6. The following shall be the minimum rates of wages:—

	Per Hour.	
	s.	d.
"Drillman with explosive permit ..	3	1
"Drill assistant with explosive permit ..	2	10½
"Drillmen	2	9½
"Petrol and Diesel loco-drivers ..	2	9½
"Feeders to crushers and mills ..	2	9
"Feeders to burnt-lime mill ..	2	9
"Rotary kiln burners ..	2	11
"Drawers from rotary kiln ..	2	9½
"Lime and coal drier firemen ..	2	9½
"Burners and drawers ..	2	9½
"Lime-classers ..	2	9
"Baggers while so employed ..	2	9½
"Spallers ..	2	9
"Steam and Diesel digger drivers ..	2	11
"Men employed on petrol and Diesel lorries and/or tractors ..	2	9½
"Men working hydrator ..	2	9½
"All other workers employed inside the mill or factory ..	2	8½
"All other workers employed outside the mill or factory ..	2	8

"If an unspecified worker is employed for three or more hours on any day at any of the classified operations, he shall be paid for all time worked on such day at the rate prescribed for such classified operation."

(iii) By deleting clause 7, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

"Employment of Youths"

"7. Youths in the proportion of one to every ten or fraction of ten workers receiving not less than 2s. 8d. per hour may be employed at not less than the following rates of wages: under sixteen years of age, 1s. 8d. per hour; between sixteen and eighteen years of age, 1s. 11½d. per hour; and thereafter the appropriate rate prescribed in clause 6."

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

Dated this 12th day of July, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

I am not in agreement with the decision of the majority of the Court not to increase the shift-work rate. It should, in my opinion, have been increased to at least 2s. 6d. per shift. A great number of awards have been made with a rate of 2s. 6d. and 3s. a shift, by agreement of the parties. I set out a list of such awards in my dissent on the Woollen-mills Employees' award (recorded in 45 Book of Awards 659), and every week it is being added to.
