

**CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL ELECTRICAL WORKERS,
MECHANICS, AND THEIR ASSISTANTS.—AMENDMENT OF
INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Canterbury 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 Christchurch City Council Electrical Workers, Mechanics, and their Assistants' Industrial Agreement, dated the 15th day of September, 1944, and recorded in 44 Book of Awards 999.

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 Christchurch City Council

Electrical Workers, Mechanics, and their Assistants' industrial agreement, dated the 15th day of September, 1944, and recorded in 44 Book of Awards 999, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said industrial agreement shall be amended by deleting subclause (a) of clause 2 (Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) Subject to any special provisions herein, the following shall be the recognized scale of wages:—

	Per Week.
	£ s. d.
“ Meter-testers	6 9 2
“ Mechanics	6 7 6
“ A Grade motor mechanics ..	6 14 2
“ Motor mechanics	6 7 6
“ Electricians	6 7 6
“ Linesmen	6 4 2
“ Garage mechanics	6 11 8 (see sub-clause (d))
“ Linesmen's assistant	5 15 10
“ Mechanic's assistant	5 17 6
“ Cable-jointer's assistant ..	5 17 6
“ Service electrician	6 7 6 (see sub-clause (d))”

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

Dated this 4th day of September, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

I am not in agreement with this decision. These weekly workers are, in my opinion, entitled to retain their relative position by receiving an increase of 11s. 8d. a week the same as other workers. If at some time in the past a small increase has been granted, it had to be justified to the satisfaction of this Court under the provisions of the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations, and must have been given and justified by both parties. To now take off what was given for special reasons, without showing that those reasons have ceased to exist, is, in my opinion, unfair.