OTAGO PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS.—AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923, and the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942; and in the matter of the Otago Plumbers and Gasfitters' apprenticeship order, dated the 6th day of November, 1940, and recorded in 40 Book of Awards 1891.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942, and upon application made in that behalf for amendment of the Otago Plumbers and Gasfitters' apprenticeship order, dated the 6th day of November, 1940, and recorded in 40 Book of Awards 1891, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said apprenticeship order shall be amended by deleting subclauses (a) and (b) of clause 9, and substituting therefor the following provision:—

"9. The minimum weekly rates of wages payable to apprentices shall be the undermentioned percentages of an amount equal to forty times the nominal hourly rate of wages for journeymen plumbers and gasfitters, as prescribed by the award or agreement relating to the employment of such journeymen in force from time to time in the locality:---

"For apprentices commencing their apprenticeship when under eighteen years of age--- Per Cent.

"	For	the	first six months				23
66	For	the	second six months		,		29
"	For	the	third six months				35
"	For	the	fourth six months				41
"	For	the	fifth six months				47
"	For	the	sixth six months				53

"For the seventh six monthsPer Cent."For the eighth six months..59"For the ninth six months..65"For the tenth six months..71"For the tenth six months..77"For the eleventh six months..83"For the twelfth six months..89

"For apprentices commencing their apprenticeship when eighteen years of age or over— Per Cent.

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"For the first six months			35
"For the second six months			41
"For the third six months			47
" For the fourth six months			53
"For the fifth six months			59
"For the sixth six months			65
" For the seventh six months			71
" For the eighth six months			77
"For the ninth six months			83
"For the tenth six months			89
"For the eleventh six months		• •	92
" For the twelfth six months	• •		95

"Provided that in respect of apprentices who commence or who have commenced their apprenticeship when under eighteen years of age the provisions of clause 9 (c) shall not apply in the sixth year of their apprenticeship, and that in respect of apprentices who commence or who have commenced their apprenticeship when eighteen years of age or over the provisions of clauses 9 (c) and 11 shall not apply in the fifth and sixth years of their apprenticeship."

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, on and from the date on which it takes effect, be deemed to apply according to its tenor to all contracts of apprenticeship in force on that date and entered into subject either to the provisions of the said apprenticeship order or to the provisions of an apprenticeship order that has before that date been superseded, directly or indirectly, by the said apprenticeship order.

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4. That this order shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 1st day of July, 1945. Dated this 30th day of November, 1945. [L.S.] A. TYNDALL, Judge.