

TARANAKI, WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH, CANTERBURY,
AND SOUTHLAND **FRONT-OF-HOUSE EMPLOYEES.**—AMEND-
MENT 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 Taranaki, Wellington, Marlborough, Canterbury, and Southland Front-of-house Employees' award, dated the 30th day of June, 1944, and recorded in 44 Book of Awards 395.

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 Taranaki, Wellington, Marlborough, Canterbury, and Southland Front-of-house Employees' award, dated the 30th day of June, 1944, and recorded in 44 Book of Awards 395, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award (as amended by order of the Court dated the 18th day of June, 1945) shall be amended in the manner following:—

(i) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 4 (Part I—Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) The following shall be the minimum rates of wages payable to theatre attendants in picture-theatres:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
“ Adults (male)	5	1	8
“ Youths and/or females	2	16	0
	Per Performance.		
	£	s.	d.
“ Performance workers	0	6	6”

(ii) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 11 (Part III—Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) The minimum rates of pay for caretakers shall be £5 11s. 8d. per week, for male cleaners £5 1s. 8d. per week, and for female cleaners £3 5s. per week. The rates of pay for casual male cleaners shall be 2s. 7½d. per hour, and for female cleaners 2s. 1½d. per hour.”

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

Dated this 6th day of December, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

I am not in agreement with the decision on this application. The rates for performance workers should have been amended to 7s. 2d. for picture-shows and 7s. 8d. for flesh-and-blood shows. Also, the rates of weekly female workers should also be amended. To-day the rate of £2 16s. plus two orders, less taxation, only leaves £2 13s. 7d. per week to live on. In my opinion, this is much too low. To-day women workers in many industries receive a minimum of £3 5s. and £3 7s. 6d., plus the two orders, and women employed in vegetable-canning factories receive £3 10s. per week and over. For these good reasons I believe that the Court should have amended the rates of wages for the above classes of workers, so that they could enjoy a reasonable living wage.
