

NORTHERN, TARANAKI, WELLINGTON, CANTERBURY, AND
OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND **LEAD-BURNERS AND CHEMICAL
PLUMBERS.**—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 Northern, Taranaki, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland Lead-burners and Chemical Plumbers' award, dated the 20th day of October, 1941, and recorded in 41 Book of Awards 1400.

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 Northern, Taranaki, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland Lead-burners and Chemical Plumbers' award, dated the 20th day of October, 1941, and recorded in 41 Book of Awards 1400, 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 rate of wages for lead-burners and chemical plumbers shall be not less than £7 5s. per week.”

(ii) By deleting clause 9 (Meal-money), and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“ *Meal-money*

“9. When workers are required to work overtime after 6 p.m. or after 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and have not been notified the previous night, the employer shall provide a substantial meal consisting of at least bread, butter, meat, cheese, and tea, coffee, or cocoa, or pay each worker 2s. in lieu thereof at the worker's preference.

“The payment provided by this clause shall not be subject to the provisions 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.”

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 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 5th day of May, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

The whole level of wages has been increased, and the new position of these workers will be lowered in relation to the general level by 1s. 8d. per week. In other words, their relative position is 1s. 8d. per week worse off in the scale than it was on the old level. Therefore this does not preserve and restore, but is a lowering of, their relative position in comparison with other workers.
