

NEW ZEALAND SHIRT, WHITE, AND SILK WORKERS.—
AMENDMENT OF AWARD

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 New Zealand Shirt, White, and Silk Workers' award, dated the 29th day of March, 1945, and recorded in 45 Book of Awards 137.

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 New Zealand Shirt, White, and Silk Workers' award, dated the 29th day of March, 1945, and recorded in 45 Book of Awards 137, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended by deleting clause 7, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“ Minimum Wages

“ 7. The minimum wage for a second-class chart-cutter shall be £5 19s. 2d. per week; for a stock-cutter, trimmer, and male examiner, £5 14s. 2d. per week.”

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

Dated this 8th day of July, 1946.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. PRIME

I am quite unable to agree with the provision making the additional payment retrospective for over sixteen months. Minimum rates of wages have been fixed by awards of the Court, and employers who have based their costs on wages actually paid in accordance therewith are now unable to recoup themselves for any extra rates now payable as a result of this order. I admit that the Legislature has opened the way for the course adopted, but I know of no principle which justifies it.