WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT BACON-WORKERS.— 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 Factories Amendment Act, 1945; and in the matter of the Wellington Industrial District Bacon-workers' award, dated the 5th day of June, 1945, and recorded in 45 Book of Awards 481. IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by section 4 of the Factories Amendment Act, 1945, and upon application made by a party to the Wellington Industrial District Bacon-workers' award, dated the 5th day of June, 1945, and recorded in 45 Book of Awards 481, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

(1) That the said award shall be amended in the manner following:-

(i) By deleting subclause (b) of clause 3 (Overtime), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

"(b) Work done between 7.30 a.m. and noon on Saturday shall be paid for at time (or rate) and a half, and work done after midday on Saturday shall be paid for at double time (or rate)."

(ii) By deleting subclause (b) of clause 5 (Shifts), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

"(b) Any time worked in excess of eight hours on five days of the week shall be paid for at overtime rates: Provided that any time worked before noon on Saturday shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half, and any time worked after noon on Saturday shall be paid for at the rate of double time."

(iii) By deleting subclauses (a), (d), and (e) of clause 6 (Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclauses:—

"(a) Workers employed at sticking, singling, scalding, opening up, marking down, chopping, boning, rolling, gambrelling off, and cutting up, 3s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour."

"(d) Pig-catchers, black scrapers, scudders, shavers, cellarmen, and bacon-washers, 3s. 2d. per hour."

"(e) All other workers, 2s. 11¹/₂d. per hour."

(2) That this order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 1946.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1946.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

I am not in agreement with this adjustment. The result will be that workers will have less wages than before. Take as an example the lowest-paid workers on a forty-hour week; they will receive 4s. 6d. less than they previously received.