NEW ZEALAND (EXCEPT OTAGO) BUILDERS' LABOURERS, QUARRY WORKERS, TUNNELLERS, AND GENERAL LABOURERS.—AMENDMENT OF AWARD

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942; and in the matter of the New Zealand (except Otago) Builders' Labourers, Quarry Workers, Tunnellers, and General Labourers' award, dated the 27th day of November, 1946, and recorded in 46 Book of Awards 1864.

In pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942, and of every other power in that behalf thereunto enabling it, this Court, for the purpose of giving effect to the pronouncement made by it on the 15th day of August, 1947, doth hereby order as follows:—

- 1. That the said award shall be amended in the manner following:—
- (1) By deleting subclauses (a) and (b) of clause 4 (Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclauses:—
- "(a) The minimum rates of wages for builders' and subcontractors' labourers shall be:—
 - "Weekly workers: £7 0s. 10d. per week.
 - "Casual workers: 3s. 64d. per hour.
- "(Note.—Included in the above wage-rates is a payment for travelling-time and a payment for added payments hitherto paid separately.)

- "For the purpose of this subclause a 'casual worker' is a worker employed for a continuous period of not more than five consecutive days.
- "A 'builders' labourer' or a 'sub-contractor's labourer' is a worker who is employed on labourer's work in connection with any building in course of erection, construction, alteration, repair, treatment, or maintenance.
- "(b) The minimum rates of wages for hourly and weekly workers, other than builders' and sub-contractors' labourers, covered by the award shall be—
 - "Weekly workers: £6 5s. per week.
 - "Hourly workers: 3s. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per hour.
- "An employer shall, when engaging any worker under this subclause, inform the worker whether he is to be employed on a weekly or on an hourly basis."
- (2) By deleting clause 26 (Increase in Rates of Remuneration).
- 2. That this order shall come into force on the 1st day of October, 1947.

Dated this 24th day of September, 1947.

[L.S.]

A. Tyndall, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

The representatives of the parties have advised the Court that agreement on the terms of this amendment has been reached with a full knowledge that the rates of wages set out in clause 4 (a) of the award were fixed on an experimental basis, including certain charges for travelling-time and certain other additional payments for special duties; and, further, with the full knowledge that it is not known to the parties whether or not the experiment has proved successful or otherwise.

The rates of remuneration prescribed in the award are *not* to be increased by the application of the provisions of the Court's general orders of 9th August, 1940, and 31st March, 1942.

A. Tyndall, Judge.