

WELLINGTON, CANTERBURY, AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND
FELT-HATTERS—AWARD

[Filed in the Office of the Clerk of Awards, Wellington]

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the New Zealand Federated Clothing Trade Employees' Industrial Association of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Harris Hats, Ltd., Vautier Street, Napier.
National Hat Mills, Ltd., 15 Adelaide Road, Wellington.
Phypian, J. F., 58 Victoria Street, Wellington.
Treister and Co., Ltd., 193 Vivian Street, Wellington.

CANTERBURY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Ballantyne, J., and Co., Ltd., Cashel Street, Christchurch.

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Ross and Glendining, Ltd., High Street, Dunedin.
Union Felt Hat Co., 686 King Street, Dunedin.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Court"), having taken into consideration the terms of settlement arrived at in the above-mentioned dispute and forwarded directly to the Court pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act (No. 2), 1939, doth hereby order and award :—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and

provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as hereinafter provided and shall continue in force until the 28th day of February, 1950, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 89 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 16th day of March, 1949.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

SCHEDULE

Industry to Which Award Relates

1. The industry to which this award applies is the manufacture, reblocking, and retrimming of felt hats of every description.

Hours of Work

2. (a) The hours of work shall be forty per week, to be worked on five days of the week, Monday to Friday inclusive, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the hours of work, each of the holidays hereinafter mentioned shall be deemed to be a day worked for the number of hours usually worked on that day of the week, although no work shall have been actually done on such holiday.

(c) The hours of work shall be posted in each and every workroom by the employer.

Wages

3. The minimum rate of wages for journeymen shall be 3s. 9d. per hour for the following classes of work: blocking (steam or water); open or box framing; finishing (hand or machine); shaping in its entirety; flanging; cutting; stiffening; velouring (before or after trimming); pressing; proofing in its entirety; felt hats of all descriptions.

Overtime

4. All time worked on Saturday mornings and before the ordinary time for starting and after the ordinary time for ceasing work on any other day shall be deemed to be overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter. Twenty-four hours' notice shall be given by the employer to any worker called upon to work overtime after the ordinary time for ceasing work. When less than twenty-four hours' notice has been given, 2s. 3d. shall be paid for tea-money. Where a worker has been notified on the previous day that he or she will be required to work overtime and overtime is not made available, tea-money shall be provided.

Holidays

5. (a) The following shall be the recognized holidays and shall be paid for at the same rate as ordinary working-days: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, the day following New Year's Day, Anzac Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, and Anniversary Day or a day in lieu thereof to be agreed upon between the secretary of the employer's association and the secretary of the union.

(b) Should any of the above-mentioned holidays, other than Anzac Day, fall on a Saturday or a Sunday, then for the purposes of this award such holiday shall be observed on the following Monday or Tuesday.

(c) Double rates shall be paid for all work done on Saturday afternoon, Sunday, or any of the above-mentioned holidays.

(d) Holidays shall be allowed in accordance with the Annual Holidays Act, 1944.

Employment of Females

6. (a) The minimum rates of wages payable to females shall be as follows:—

			Per Week.		
			£	s.	d.
For the first six months	..	..	1	12	0
For the second six months	..	..	1	17	0
For the third six months	..	..	2	2	0
For the fourth six months	..	..	2	7	6
For the fifth six months	..	..	2	15	0
For the sixth six months	..	..	3	2	0
For the fourth year	..	..	3	14	6
Thereafter .. .. .	..	..	4	11	0

Provided that workers commencing over sixteen years of age shall receive 5s. per week in advance of the above rates, and over seventeen years of age 7s. 6d. per week in advance of the above

rates, and over eighteen years of age 10s. per week in advance of the above rates; but this proviso shall not operate so as to increase the rate of £4 11s.: Provided, also, that a female worker commencing at the trade over twenty-one years of age shall be paid £3 15s. 6d. per week for the first six months, £4 per week for the second six months, £4 5s. for the third six months, and thereafter at not less than £4 11s.

(b) *Part-time Workers*.—A weekly worker whose engagement is for less than forty hours per week shall be paid the *pro rata* rate calculated on the ordinary adult weekly wage.

Interviews With Employees

7. The secretary or other representative of the union shall be permitted to interview employees at their place of employment during working-hours for the purpose of collecting contributions due to the union.

Piecework or Bonus System

8. (a) Piecework by females is permitted: Provided that the workers on piecework shall receive not less than the minimum time rate prescribed in this award.

(b) In all cases where piecework is worked or a bonus is paid, the basis on which the piecework or bonus is calculated shall be negotiated between representatives elected by the workers directly concerned in the factory, the employer, and a representative of the workers' union. Should it become impossible to reach agreement, any of the above-mentioned parties may refer the question to the Conciliation Commissioner for the industrial district in which the factory is situated for decision. Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner may appeal to the Court upon giving written notice of such appeal to the other parties within twenty-one days after such decision shall have been communicated to the party desirous of appealing.

(c) In factories where a bonus system is in operation, no deduction shall be made from the bonus in respect of any holidays prescribed by this award or by the Factories Act.

General Conditions

9. (a) Wages shall be paid weekly not later than the next working-day following the close of each factory's working-week and not later than the usual closing-time of the factory.

(b) All wages shall be paid on the termination of employment.

(c) An employer shall be entitled to make a rateable deduction from the wages of any worker for any time lost by him through sickness, accident, or default.

(d) Facilities for boiling water shall be provided.

(e) A ten-minute rest period shall be allowed in the morning and afternoon to all workers.

(f) When work is not available at the factory and notice has not been given to a worker on the previous day, any worker who attends at the factory for the purpose of working shall be paid for at least four hours' work. When such worker is required to attend in the afternoon, such worker shall be paid for four hours' work, although no work is available. When a worker has commenced work and by reason of a stoppage of the machinery is unable to continue working, payment shall be made as though such worker had worked for the half-day period.

(g) When slackness of work or the exigencies of trade render it necessary to work short time, the employer shall distribute the work as evenly among the workers of each class as circumstances shall permit, and in such cases workers shall be paid only for the time actually worked, subject to subelause (f) hereof.

First-aid Outfit

10. A St. John first-aid outfit or similar kit, fully equipped, shall be provided by the employer on each floor in every factory. A suitable person shall be in charge.

Matters Not Provided For

11. Any dispute in connection with any matter not provided for in this award shall be settled between the particular employer concerned and the president or secretary of the union, and in default of any agreement being arrived at, then such dispute shall be referred to the local Conciliation Commissioner, who may either decide the same or refer the matter to the Court. Either party, if dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner, may appeal to the Court upon giving written notice of such appeal to the other party within fourteen days after such decision shall have been communicated to the party desiring to appeal.

Workers to be Members of Union

12. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, it shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this award to employ or to continue to employ in any position or employment subject to this award any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of workers bound by this award.

(b) For the purposes of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of eighteen years or upwards, and every other person who for the time being is in receipt of not less than the minimum rate of wages prescribed by this award for workers of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(c) Every person who, being obliged to become a member of any union by the operation of the foregoing provisions, fails to become a member of that union when requested so to do by his employer or any officer or representative of the union commits a breach of this award, and shall be liable accordingly.

(NOTE.—Attention is drawn to subsection (4) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, which gives to workers the right to join the union.)

(d) An employer shall, if requested to do so by the secretary of the local union, furnish him with a return setting out the names of all workers in his employ who are deemed to be adults under the preceding subclause (b), but not more often than once each six months.

Under-rate Workers

13. (a) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Application of Award

14. This award shall apply to the original parties named herein, and shall extend to and bind as subsequent party hereto every trade-union, industrial union, industrial association, or employer who, not being an original party hereto, is, when this award comes into force or at any time whilst this award is in force, connected with or engaged in the industry to which this award applies within the industrial districts to which this award relates.

Scope of Award

15. This award shall operate throughout the Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts.

Term of Award

16. This award, in so far as it relates to wages, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 28th day of February, 1949, and so far as all the other conditions of this award are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 28th day of February, 1950.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 16th day of March, 1949.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

The award embodies the terms of settlement arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

Wages have been made payable retrospectively, in accordance with the agreement of the parties.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

WELLINGTON, CANTERBURY, AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND
FELT-HATTERS—AMENDMENT OF AWARD

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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 Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago and Southland Felt-hatters' award, dated the 16th day of March, 1949, and recorded in 49 Book of Awards.

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 12th day of April, 1949, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended by deleting clauses 3 and 6 and substituting therefore the following clauses:—

“Wages

“3. The minimum rate of wages for journeymen shall be 3s. 11d. per hour for the following classes of work: blocking (steam or water); open or box framing; finishing (hand or machine); shaping in its entirety; flanging; cutting; stiffening; velouring (before or after trimming); pressing proofing in its entirety; felt hats of all descriptions.”

“Employment of Females

“6. (a) The minimum rates of wages payable to females shall be as follows:—

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	£	s.	d.
“For the first six months	1	12	6
“For the second six months	1	18	0
“For the third six months	2	3	6
“For the fourth six months	2	9	6
“For the fifth six months	2	18	0
“For the sixth six months	3	5	6
“For the fourth year	3	19	0
“Thereafter	4	16	0

“Provided that workers commencing over sixteen years of age shall receive 5s. per week in advance of the above rates, and over seventeen years of age 7s. 6d. per week in advance of the above rates, and over eighteen years of age 10s. per week in advance of the above rates, but this proviso shall not operate so as to increase the rate of £4 16s.: Provided, also, that a female worker commencing at the trade over 21 years of age shall be paid £4 per week for the first six months; £4 5s. per week for the second six months; £4 10s. per week for the third six months; and thereafter at not less than £4 16s.

“(b) *Part-time Workers.*—A weekly worker whose engagement is for less than forty hours per week shall be paid the *pro rata* rate calculated on the ordinary adult weekly wage.”

2. That this order shall come into force on the 1st day of June, 1949.

Dated this 13th day of May, 1949.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.