

**WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT MATCH MANUFACTURERS'
EMPLOYEES—AWARD**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington Match-manufacturing Employees' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned companies (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

Bryant and May, Bell, & Company, Limited, Tory Street, Wellington.

Matches New Zealand, Limited, Guyton Street, Wanganui, and 142 Featherston Street, Wellington.

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 6th day of December, 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 20th day of September, 1949.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

SCHEDULE

Interpretation

1. This award shall apply to all workers employed in the manufacture of matches, including those workers who are not, at the time of the making of this award, already covered by the provisions of another award.

Hours of Work

2. (a) Forty hours shall constitute a week's work, to be worked on Monday to Friday inclusive, and eight hours shall constitute a day's work.

(b) Providing the hours are continuous, except for one meal interval, the starting and finishing times of any male adult workers required for preparatory work before the commencement of the day's operations, may be varied to suit the exigencies of the industry, provided such male workers are paid 2s. 6d. per day extra; and provided, further, that overtime is paid after eight hours have been worked.

Wages

3. The minimum rates of wages shall be as follows:—

(a) <i>Females</i> —		Per Week.		
		£	s.	d.
First six months	1	16	6
Second six months	2	2	6
Third six months	2	10	6
Fourth six months	2	18	0
Fifth six months	3	5	0
Sixth six months	3	12	0
Fourth year	3	19	0
Fifth year	4	2	6
Thereafter	4	12	6

Female workers over twenty-one years of age and with no previous experience in the industry shall be paid not less than £4 10s. 9d. per week for the first six months and thereafter £4 12s. 6d. per week.

(b) <i>Males</i> —		Per Week.		
		£	s.	d.
First six months	1	16	6
Second six months	2	5	0
Third six months	2	14	0
Fourth six months	2	19	6
Fifth six months	3	5	6
Sixth six months	3	11	0
Fourth year	4	2	6
Fifth year	4	17	0
Thereafter	7	3	4

Male workers over twenty-one years of age and with no previous experience in the industry shall be paid not less than £7 per week for the first six months and thereafter £7 3s. 4d. per week.

(c) Female workers who are employed for more than a week, but whose ordinary hours of work are by agreement less than thirty-eight per week, shall be paid the *pro rata* rate calculated on the ordinary weekly wage.

(d) Workers in receipt of a higher wage than that set out herein shall not have their wages reduced by reason of any of the provisions of this award.

Overtime

4. (a) All time worked on any one day in excess of the hours prescribed in clause 2 hereof shall count as overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter.

(b) For the purpose of computing overtime, work done up to and including half an hour shall be deemed half an hour, and work for any period exceeding half an hour and up to one hour shall count as one hour.

Employment

5. The employment shall be deemed to be a weekly employment. Employers may be at liberty to deduct from the weekly wage of workers for time lost through the worker's sickness or default or for absence from work through no fault of the employer.

Rest Periods

6. An interval of not more than ten minutes without deduction of pay shall be allowed in the morning and afternoon working periods.

Termination of Employment

7. Twenty-four hours' notice of the termination of the employment shall be given by either side, except in the case of casual workers.

Workers on being dismissed shall be paid immediately.

Nothing in this award shall prevent an employer from summarily dismissing any worker for good cause or wilful misconduct.

Holidays

8. (a) The following holidays shall be allowed without deduction from wages: A whole holiday on every Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, Anniversary Day, and the birthday of the reigning Sovereign.

(b) Time worked on any of the above holidays and Sundays shall be paid for at double rates for all time worked, in addition to the ordinary weekly wage.

(c) Payment of wages for the said holidays shall be made to all persons who have been employed in the factory at any time during the fortnight ending on the day on which the holiday occurs.

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

Disputes

9. The essence of this award being that the work of the employer shall not on any account whatsoever be impeded, but shall always proceed as if no dispute had arisen, it is provided that if any dispute or difference shall arise between the parties bound by this award, or any of them, as to any matter whatsoever arising out of or connected therewith and not dealt with in this award, every such dispute or difference shall be referred to a committee for settlement, such committee to be composed of two representatives from each side. In the event of agreement not being reached the matter shall be referred to the Court of Arbitration for settlement.

Workers to be Members of Union

10. (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.)

Under-rate Workers

11. (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.

Right of Entry

12. The secretary of the union shall be entitled to enter at all reasonable times upon the premises of any employer bound by this award for the purpose of interviewing any worker (with the consent of the employer, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) but not so as to interfere unreasonably with the employer's business.

Application of Award

13. 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 district to which this award relates.

Scope of Award

14. This award shall operate throughout the Wellington Industrial District.

Term of Award

15. This award, in so far as the provisions relating to the rates of wages to be paid are concerned, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 7th day of June, 1949, and so far as all other provisions of the award are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 6th day of December, 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 20th day of September, 1949.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

Apart from an adjustment which has been made to clause 2 (b) by agreement of the representatives of the parties, the award embodies the terms of settlement arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

Wages have been made payable retrospectively by agreement.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.