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 Regulations 1952; and in the matter of the Otago Builders' Labourers, Quarry Workers, Tunnellers, and General Labourers award, dated the 19th day of November 1951, and recorded in 51 Book of Awards 1985.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the Economic Stabilization Regulations 1952, 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 July 1952, doth hereby order as follows :---

- 1. That the said award shall be amended in the manner following :--
- (1) By deleting clause 4 and substituting the following clause :--

" Wages

"4. (a) The minimum rates of wages for builders' and sub-contractors' labourers

.. £9 2s. 11d. per week. "Hourly workers \dots 4s. $6\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour.

" (NOTE.-Included in the above wages rates is a payment for added payments hitherto paid separately.)

"A 'builder's labourer ' or a ' sub-contractor's labourer ' is a worker who is employed on labourers' work in connection with any building in course of erection, construction, alteration, repair, treatment, or maintenance. Subclauses (b), (d), (h), (i), and (k) of this clause shall not apply to such workers.

"The minimum rates of wages for hourly and weekly workers, other than builders' and sub-contractors' labourers, covered by the award shall be :-

"Labourers employed on bridge-building, or employed in quarries or at stone-crusher feeding or on spalling stones shall be paid £8 17s. per week or 4s. 5d. per hour.

"All other workers, £8 11s. 3d. per week or 4s. 31/2d. 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.

"(b) Workers engaged in feeding concrete-mixers or handling, mixing, or spreading wet concrete shall be paid $2\frac{1}{4}d$. per hour extra.

"(c) Quarry work : Certified men using explosives, 3¹/₂d. per hour extra.

"(d) Workers in charge of the measuring, cutting, and bending of steel for reinforced concrete shall be paid 21d. per hour extra.

"(e) Asphalt and tar workers, $2\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour extra.

"(f) Riggers and gear-runners, $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour extra.

"Scaffolders erecting and dismantling scaffolds for which notice of erection is necessary under the Scaffolding and Excavation Act, 1922, shall be paid while so employed not less than 3¹/₂d. per hour extra.

"(q) Tunnelmen and timbermen, 3¹/₂d. per hour extra. 'Tunnel work' shall be deemed to mean any underground excavation that is over 15 ft. in length or that requires timbering overhead.

"(h) Threepence halfpenny per hour additional shall be paid to crane dogmen. Power-crane men and power-winch men operating winches of 10 horse-power or more shall be paid $2\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour extra.

"(i) Twopence three-farthings per hour additional shall be paid to compressor men and to men using power vibrators, pneumatic hammers or drills, mechanical rammers, borers and breakers; and when working in quarries or tunnels, 4d. per hour extra.

"(j) Two shillings and threepence halfpenny per day or part thereof additional shall be paid to men cleaning blocked sewers or drains, or working in defective sewers or foul drains, or coming in contact with faecal or sewerage matter.

"(k) Workers engaged in the demolition of or repair to any building or fittings destroyed or damaged by fire which necessitates the handling of charred timber shall be paid $2\frac{1}{4}d$. per hour additional.

" (l) Workers engaged in demolition work shall be paid $1\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour additional.

"The extra payment for demolition work shall not apply to demolition work arising out of alterations to a building, except in cases which have been agreed upon as a result of a decision reached through the disputes clause of this award (clause 23).

"Over 6 ft. and up to and inclusive of 12 ft., $2\frac{1}{4}d$. per hour extra.

"Over 12 ft. and up to and inclusive of 20 ft., $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per hour extra.

" Over 20 ft., the last-mentioned rate plus $1\frac{1}{4}d$. per hour additional for every 7 ft. over 20 ft.

"(n) Foremen or leading hands in charge of four or more workers shall receive 28. 11d. per day additional to the rates prescribed in this clause.

" (o) Workers who at the coming into force of this award are in receipt of a higher rate of pay than that prescribed herein shall not have their wages reduced while the present employment continues.

" (p) Any worker required to work on a bosun's chair over 35 ft. from the ground shall be paid 2s. $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. per day extra whilst so employed."

(2) By deleting clause 7 (Increase in Rates of Remuneration).

(3) By deleting from the undermentioned clauses the figures and symbols set out in the first column hereunder and substituting in each case the figures and symbols respectively set out in the second column hereunder :---

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Clause 3 (a)		 	 3s.	3s. 6d.
Clause 11 (a)		 	 3d.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Clause 13 (e)		 	 7s. 6d.	8s. $7\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Clause 13 (g)		 	 6d.	7d.
Clause 17		 	 1s. 4d.	1s. $6\frac{1}{4}$ d.
Clause 22 (a)		 	 3s.	3s. 6d.

2. That this order shall come into force on the 1st day of September 1952. Dated this 4th day of August 1952.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

The rates of remuneration prescribed in the award are *not* to be increased by the application of the provisions of the Court's general order of the 30th January 1951.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.