

OTAGO LOCAL BODIES' (RURAL SECTION) 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 Local Bodies' (Rural Section) Labourers award, dated the 28th day of June 1951, and recorded in 51 Book of Awards 792.

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 shall be:—

“ Weekly workers, £8 18s. per week.

“ Casual workers, 4s. 5½d. per hour.

“ A ‘ casual worker ’ is a worker employed for less than four consecutive weeks.

“ (b) Workers engaged in the actual construction of scaffolds as defined in the Scaffolding and Excavation Act or in tunnelling work shall be paid 3½d. per hour extra. Workers engaged in sinking shafts, pier holes, or digging trenches or drains, or entering drains to clean or excavate the beds, any of which exceeds 6 ft. in depth, and where such work is performed by hand, shall be paid the following extra rates:—

“ Over 6 ft. and up to and inclusive of 12 ft., 2¼d. per hour extra.

“ Over 12 ft. and up to and inclusive of 20 ft., 3½d. per hour extra.

“ Over 20 ft., the last-mentioned rate plus 1¼d. per hour additional for every 7 ft. over 20 ft.

"(c) Stone-crusher feeders shall be paid 2½d. per hour extra while so employed, and workers feeding and operating stone-crushers shall, where necessary, be supplied with satisfactory respirators.

"(d) A 'working foreman', 'ganger', or 'leading hand' is a worker in control of at least four other men working as a gang, and such workers and workers appointed as foremen, gangers, or leading hands shall be paid a minimum of 1s. 9d. per day extra while so employed.

"(e) Tempered-tool sharpeners, popper-drill men, and shot-firers shall be paid 2½d. per hour extra while so employed.

"(f) Operators of internal-combustion engines of over 10 and up to 20 horse-power and of electric motors over 20 and up to 50 horse-power shall be paid 1¾d. per hour extra while so employed.

"(g) Workers other than sprayers and nozzlemen who in the course of their employment are required to come in contact with free tar or bitumen, or who are employed in carrying, spreading, boiling, and/or mixing free tar or bitumen in the course of their employment, shall be supplied with boots, overalls, cotton waste, and oil and shall be paid 1s. 1¾d. per day extra while so employed. 'Free tar or bitumen' shall mean tar or bitumen which is not enclosed in barrels or drums. Tar or bitumen sprayer and nozzlemen shall be paid 1s. 8¾d. per day extra while so employed.

"(h) Pull-grader operators shall be paid not less than £9 1s. 10d. per week.

"(i) The employer may make a rateable deduction from the weekly wages prescribed for any time lost by the worker through sickness, accident, or default.

"(j) Men actually engaged in fighting fire shall be paid 2s. 3½d. per day extra.

"(k) Workers required to enter water-races or ditches containing water for the purpose of cleaning them shall be paid 3½d. per hour extra while so employed.

"(l) Workers engaged in loading or collecting refuse shall be paid 2s. 3½d. per day extra.

"(m) Workers engaged in feeding concrete mixers or handling, mixing, or spreading wet concrete shall be paid 1¾d. per hour additional."

(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:—

					<i>First Column.</i>	<i>Second Column.</i>
Clause 2	..	..	..	..	3s.	3s. 6d.
Clause 5 (b)	..	..	..	..	1s.	1s. 1¾d.
Clause 6	..	..	..	..	2d.	2¼d.
Clause 17 (d) (i)	..	..	..	..	7s.	8s.
Clause 17 (d) (ii)	..	..	..	..	7s.	8s.
Clause 17 (d) (iii)	..	..	..	..	4s. 6d.	5s. 2d.
Clause 17 (f)	..	..	..	..	6d.	7d.

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.