

WELLINGTON FURNITURE TRADE.

At a sitting of the Wellington Board of Conciliation *re* an industrial dispute between the Wellington Furniture and Furnishing Industrial Union of Employers and the Wellington United Furniture Trade Industrial Union of Workers, after hearing representatives of both unions, it was resolved as follows:—

1. That as both unions consented, and no private employer outside of the Employers' Union was present or represented (Mr. Robinson and Mr. James representing the Industrial Union of Workers, and Mr. Flockton and Mr. Scoullar the Union of Employers), and it appearing that the claim filed is a copy of the award of the Court of Arbitration, the clauses be adopted as the basis of an industrial agreement; the penalty in clause 7 to be £5.
 2. That an industrial agreement be drawn up to embody the said clauses, and to last for two years from this date.
 3. That the agreement be left for seven days in the office of the Clerk of Awards for signatures.
 4. That the Industrial Union cause notice to be given to all other parties that such agreement lies with the Clerk of Awards for signature during office hours for seven days from the date of its being lodged.
 5. That, if the agreement be not completely signed within such seven days, the Chairman may file a report that the Board has failed to conciliate, so that either party may take the matter to the Court of Arbitration.
- Dated this 2nd day of March, 1899. W. H. QUICK, Chairman.

The Board of Conciliation, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington United Furniture Trade Industrial Union of Workers and the Wellington Furniture and Furnishing Industrial Union of Employers.

The Board of Conciliation, having considered the above matter, did, on the 2nd day of March, 1899, pass a series of resolutions as recommendations to the parties concerned, a minute of which resolution is hereto annexed, and, as it appears that the agreement drawn up in pursuance of resolution No. 2 has not been signed by the private employers, the Board do report that they have been unable to bring about any settlement of the dispute referred to them satisfactory to the parties thereto.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1899.

W. H. QUICK, Chairman.

WELLINGTON BUILDING TRADE.

Before the Board of Conciliation, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners' Industrial Union of Workers and the Wellington Meat Export Company and other employers, and of a reference thereof for settlement.

[The union required the employers mentioned to be brought under the award of the Court of Arbitration given in February.]

On Thursday, the 16th March, 1899, this dispute came on for hearing before the Board, who sat on that date and on Monday, the 20th March, 1899, when they resolved as follows:—

"That an industrial agreement be drawn, embodying the particulars of dispute, and that the same be left at the office of the Clerk of Awards for signature. If same be not signed within seven days from the present date, the Chairman may file a final report to permit of appeal to Court of Arbitration." And the Board having been informed that the industrial agreement was not left at the office of the Clerk of Awards so as to permit of its being signed within seven days from the passing of the resolution—viz., from the 20th day of March, 1899—but that it had been tendered to the parties whose signatures were required, in order that they might sign the same, the Board were again convened, and do now meet on this 4th day of May, 1899, at the Supreme Court Buildings, and evidence having been given of the above facts, and that the parties whose signatures are required having refused to sign the said industrial agreement, this Board do now report that they have been unable to bring about any settlement of the dispute referred to them satisfactory to the parties thereto.

Dated this 4th day of May, 1899.

W. H. QUICK, Chairman.

AUCKLAND BUILDING TRADE.

Before the Board of Conciliation, in the Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between T. Allison and others and the Auckland Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners' Industrial Union, and of a reference thereof for settlement.

The Board, having taken evidence in the above case, recommend as follows:—

1. That the week consist of forty-four hours, divided as follows: Eight hours for the first five days, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and four hours on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
2. That the rate of pay shall be 1s. 2d. per hour for competent workmen.
3. That all overtime shall be paid for as follows: From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., time and a quarter; from 8 p.m. to 12, time and a half; from 12 to 8 a.m., double time. That work on statutory holidays be paid for at the rate of time and a quarter for the first two hours; time and a half from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; from 12 p.m. to 8 a.m., double time; Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Sunday, double time. Overtime shall not apply when fresh men continue the work in shifts of not more than eight hours.
4. That suburban work be regarded as over two miles from Grey Street firebell; that walking-time be allowed or fares paid beyond that distance, except that men living within a radius of two miles from the work shall not be entitled to the same. If required to use the ferry, their fares shall be paid by the employer. That if men are engaged in the town to work in the country they shall be paid 1s. per day more than town rates, and their fares paid both ways. The rule for overtime shall not apply to country work.
5. That no boys be employed in the trade except such as are legally indentured apprentices. That the term of apprenticeship be five years, including three months' probation. That the proportion of apprentices be one to three, or fraction of three, competent workmen employed. That the proportion of incompetent workmen earning less than the standard rate of wages, as provided in Rule 2, shall not be more than one to three, or fraction of three, competent men employed. That youths under the age of twenty-one years, who may be at present working at the trade as improvers, shall be legally indentured for such term as may be mutually agreed upon.
6. That no subletting of work, labour only, or piecework be allowed in the trade.
7. That on outside contracts the employer shall provide a properly secured place for the safety of employés' tools, also necessary sanitary conveniences.
8. That all employers keep or arrange for a grindstone, and that men shall have access to the same, and shall keep their tools in proper order at all times.
9. That the penalty for any breach of this industrial agreement shall be any sum not exceeding £10, recoverable before a Stipendiary Magistrate.
10. That this industrial agreement shall be in force for eighteen months from the 1st July, 1899.

Supreme Court, Auckland, 12th June, 1899.

A. H. COLLINS, Chairman.

Before the Board of Conciliation, in the Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Auckland Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners' Industrial Union and T. Allison and others, and a reference thereof for settlement.

The Board having taken evidence in the above case, and having made recommendations in the form annexed, and such recommendations having been accepted by the union of workers and one hundred and fifty-nine master builders, parties to the dispute as per list annexed, which number have signed the industrial agreement based on the said recommendations; and the following having refused to sign the said industrial agreement—namely, T. Allison, C. W. Coldham, W. Colwell, the City Council, R. Farrell, W. Grey, Grayson Brothers, The Kauri Timber Company, E. Morris, J. C. Pelham, the Premier Joinery Works, J. A. Persson, Philcox and Son, Paterson and Son, Rogers and Son, H. W. Smith, White, Waitemata Sawmills, John Roe, the Board of Education; the Board have to report that