

any storekeeper who sells under the fixed retail price, or infringing any of the rules shall be fined for the first offence two pounds (£2), and for the second offence five pounds (£5), to be paid within seven days.

29. No member shall do any business with any miller who does not belong to the union and also to the New Zealand Flour-millers' Co-operative Association (Limited); and a purchase of flour by a member of the union from any other person or firm shall be deemed a breach of the rules, and he shall be dealt with in a similar manner as if he had sold bread at less than agreed prices.

30. All disputes between members must be submitted to the secretary within two days from the time of occurrence. The secretary shall submit the same to the committee, who shall hear all evidence and decide; a member wishing to appeal further can do so as provided by Rule 9.

31. Any member being duly summoned to answer a charge and not attending the said meeting, or sending some reasonable cause for not doing so, his case shall be proceeded with in his absence, and he shall abide by the decision of the said meeting.

32. Any member preferring a charge against a member, and not appearing at the committee meeting to sustain the charge, shall be fined twenty shillings.

33. All fines inflicted by committee, special, or ordinary meetings must be paid within one month from the date of infliction.

34. Any member knowing another member to be breaking the rules of the union, and not reporting the same to the secretary, shall be fined five shillings for each offence.

35. Any member being duly summoned to give evidence before an ordinary or committee meeting, and wilfully refusing to attend the meeting, shall be fined ten shillings.

36. All dues and fines in arrears may be recovered by legal proceeding by the secretary, or such other officer as may from time to time be authorised by the committee.

37. The registered office of the union shall be at 7, Chancery Lane, Christchurch, or such other place as is from time to time appointed by the committee, and every change of office shall forthwith be notified to the Registrar of Industrial Unions.

38. In order to amend or rescind any of the foregoing rules, fourteen days' notice must be given to the secretary in writing, who shall summon all members within the jurisdiction to attend a meeting for that purpose, but no such meeting shall be called unless seven members of the union shall sign a requisition, and any alteration or amendment must be adopted by a majority of the members present.

39. These rules rescind all former rules of the union.

40. These rules shall be subscribed by and binding upon every member, and any member who refuses to subscribe shall not be entitled to speak or vote, or be elected to any office in the union.

Rules accepted 14th August, 1901.

EDW. TREGEAR, Registrar.

P1.

[Sent to all Members of the Bakers' Union.]

A. Steven and Co., Millers and Grain-merchants, Dunedin, New Zealand, 7th March, 1903.

DEAR SIR,—

As the action of your association in resolving that you as a body will not purchase our flour now that we have withdrawn from the millers' combine is likely to lead to unpleasant results if continued, and, as we have no desire that any injury should befall your association, we wish to approach you in a friendly spirit, and point out in good time that this state of matters cannot continue to exist without bad results to your association as well as ourselves. You cannot, as reasonable men, expect us to quietly submit to what means a direct blow at our business in Dunedin by the action of your resolution if persisted in without using such means as we think fit to vindicate our position with the public.

No doubt your association has taken up this attitude towards us with the view of forcing us to again join the millers' combine, but we tell you frankly that under any circumstances this is utterly impossible now, and we need not point out to you that if your resolution (not to purchase our flour) is carried out you cannot blame us for any retaliatory measures we may adopt in self-defence. We have every desire to be friendly with the bakers, and we are sure that the members of your association will say that both individually and collectively we have always endeavoured to do them a good turn if in our power in the past, and all we ask now is to be favoured with a share of their orders as heretofore. In view of this we would respectfully request your association to remove the restriction at as early a date as possible, and so prevent unpleasant conditions arising which might be much regretted in the future.

In conclusion, we trust you will allow the wisest counsels to prevail, and give this important matter your best and prompt consideration, and kindly communicate your decision to us at your earliest convenience, and oblige,

The President, Master Bakers' Association, Dunedin.

Yours, &c.,

A. STEVEN AND CO.

Q.

RULES OF THE DUNEDIN MASTER BAKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION OF EMPLOYERS.

(REGISTERED UNDER "THE INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1894.")

NAME.

1. The name of the union shall be "The Dunedin Master Bakers' Industrial Union of Employers," and it shall consist of master bakers and pastrycooks of Dunedin and the surrounding districts.