

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

**(5010.) INVERCARGILL (TWENTY-MILE RADIUS) BUTCHERS.—
AMENDMENT OF AWARD.**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of an award dated the 31st day of July, 1918, made in an industrial dispute between the Southland Operative Butchers' Industrial Union of Workers and the Invercargill and Suburban Master Butchers' Industrial Union of Employers and others.

Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 1918.

By virtue of section 92, subsection (1) (a), of the said Act, and for the purpose of remedying a defect in the said award, this Court doth order that the said award be and the same is hereby amended by deleting from clause 1 (a) the last five words thereof, namely "half an hour for tea," and by substituting in lieu of the said words the words "one and a half hours."

T. W. STRINGER, Judge.

**(5011.) OTAGO ROPE AND TWINE SPINNERS.—INTERPRETATION
OF AWARD.**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of an award dated the 22nd day of April, 1918, made in an industrial dispute between the Dunedin Rope and Twine Spinners' Industrial Union of Workers and Donaghy's Rope and Twine Company (Limited).

APPLICATION by the Inspector of Awards, Dunedin, for the interpretation of the said award (Book of Awards, Vol. xix, p. 299, clause 3 (d)).

Clause 3. (d.) No female worker receiving more than the wages above prescribed shall have her wage reduced.

Question.—Prior to the coming into operation of the said award Donaghy's Rope and Twine Company (Limited) were paying their female workers more than the award rate of wages mentioned in the present award, and in addition thereto paid the whole of their workers (including females) a bonus of 5 per cent. on their wages. Since the present award came into operation the company discontinued payment of the bonus, and the question has been raised as to whether the said discontinuance constitutes a reduction of wages.

Answer.—In the opinion of the Court clause 3 (d) above mentioned was inserted in the award for the purpose of securing the