

(8067.) NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, NELSON, AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RETAIL SHOP-ASSISTANTS.—EXEMPTION FROM CLOSING-HOURS.

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 the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22 ; and in the matter of the Northern, Wellington, Nelson, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts Retail Shop-assistants award, dated the 17th day of March, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. xxv, p. 111.

Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1924.

UPON reading the application of Marjory Agnes Helps, occupier of a fancy-goods dealer's shop, Moray Place, Dunedin, for exemption from the closing-hours provisions of the Northern, Wellington, Nelson, and Otago and Southland Industrial Districts Retail Shop-assistants' award, this Court, being of the opinion that the observance of the

closing-hours fixed by the said award would cause undue hardship to the said occupier, and by virtue of and in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Acts, and of every other power in that behalf thereunto enabling it, doth hereby order as follows :—

1. That during such time as the said occupier shall close her shop at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 7.30 p.m. on four other working-days of the week and 9 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) complies with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and (c) employs no assistants, except one member of the occupier's family, in or about the said shop, the said occupier shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a).

2. That the Court reserves to itself the power at any time to revoke or vary this order, or substitute another order therefor.

3. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the day of the date hereof.