

**(7776.)** NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, NELSON, AND OTAGO AND  
SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS RETAIL SHOP-ASSISTANTS.—  
EXEMPTION FROM CLOSING-HOURS.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Northern Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of section 69 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 12th day of May, 1924.

UPON reading the applications of the undermentioned occupiers of booksellers and stationers' shops for exemption from the provisions

of clause 22 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, fixing the closing-hours for all shops in which the industries to which the award relates are carried on; and upon hearing counsel for the said occupiers, this Court, being of the opinion that the observance of the closing-hours fixed by the said award would cause undue hardship to such occupiers, and by virtue of and in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Acts, and of every other power in that behalf enabling it, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That during such time as the several undermentioned occupiers shall (a) close their respective shops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, and not later than 8 p.m. on four other working-days of the week and 8.30 p.m. on the day of the late night, and (b) comply with the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22, and its amendments, and (c) employ no assistants in or about the said shops during the hours when such shops are directed by clause 22 (a) of the said award to be closed, or outside the hours during which by clause 9 of the said award workers are permitted to be employed, or on any of the holidays prescribed by the said award, the said several occupiers shall be exempt from the provisions of the said clause 22 (a), and in respect of Easter Saturday and Easter Monday they shall be exempt from the provisions of clause 22 (b).

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

3. That the occupiers hereinbefore referred to and their respective places of business are as follows:—

Carew, H., Bookseller and Stationer, Rotorua.  
 Coates, A. T., Bookseller and Stationer, Rotorua.  
 Harris, E. T., Bookseller and Stationer, Rotorua.  
 Lucas, S. M., Bookseller and Stationer, Rotorua.  
 McKee, J., Bookseller and Stationer, Rotorua.  
 Pratt, E., Bookseller and Stationer, Rotorua.

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

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

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MEMORANDUM.

The applicants are all the booksellers and stationers carrying on business in the Borough of Rotorua, and this order of exemption is granted because of the requirements of tourists, and because curios, books of views, &c., stocked by the applicants are also stocked by photographers, who are not subject to the provisions of the award.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.