(10674.) NORTHERN, WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH, CANTERBURY, AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND SHEARERS AND SHED HANDS.—DETERMINATION OF COMMITTEE REGARDING RATES OF WAGES FOR 1934-35 SEASON.

SHEARERS.—RATES OF PAY, 1934-35.

Award dated 30th August, 1933, covering Rates of Pay for Shearers and Shed Hands for Seasons 1933-34 to 1935-36 (inclusive).

1. Pursuant to the above award, Mr. J. W. Butcher, Government Statistician, Mr. W. H. Nicholson, as representative of the employers, and Mr. A. Cook, as representative of the Shearers' Unions, met at

Wellington on the 26th day of July, 1934.

2. The Government Statistician's index number for export prices of wool calculated for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1928, was taken as equal to 1800, and it was found that the index number for export prices of wool for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1934, was 1150.

3. The rates of pay for the 1934-35 season will therefore be as

follows :---

Shearers:—

(a) The rate for shearing by hand shall be not less than £1 2s. 6d. per hundred, with rations.

(b) The rate for shearing by machines shall be not less than

£1 2s. 6d. per hundred, with rations.

(c) The rate for shearing lambs shall be not less than £1 2s. 6d. per hundred, with rations.

(d) In cases where the shearers find themselves in rations these

rates shall be increased by 5s. per hundred.

(e) The rate for stud sheep shall be settled by agreement between the employer and the shearer employed to do the work.

(f) The rate for shearing hogget rams shall be rate and a half, and for other rams double ordinary rate.

Shed-hands:—

(a) Pressers: By the week, £2 15s.; by the hour, 1s 7d.

(b) All other shed hands: By the week, £2 10s.; by the hour, 1s. 5d.

Youths.—Over sixteen years of age and under eighteen years of age: By the week, £1 15s.; by the hour, 1s. 1d.

Cooks.—For twelve men or under, £3 5s. per week, or 12s. per day if employed for less than seven days. (Where over twelve men are employed the wages shall be by agreement between the employer and the worker, but not in any case less than the said minimum of £3 5s. per week or 12s. per day.)

Cook's Assistants.—£2 15s. per week, or 10s. per day if employed for less than seven days.

J. W. BUTCHER, Government Statistician. Wm. H. Nicholson, Employers' Representative. A. Cook, Shearers' Union Representative.

Wellington, 26th July, 1934.