

NEW ZEALAND SHEARERS AND SHED HANDS.—DETERMINATION OF COMMITTEE REGARDING RATES OF WAGES FOR 1943-44 SEASON.

New Zealand Shearers and Shed Hands' Award, dated 29th August, 1942 (42 Book of Awards 883), covering Rates of Pay for Shearers and Shed Hands for Seasons 1942-43 to 1944-45 (inclusive).

1. Pursuant to the above award, Mr. J. W. Butcher, Government Statistician, Mr. W. H. Nicholson, as representative of the employers, and Mr. L. C. Hair, as representative of the shearers' unions, met at Wellington on the 16th day of July, 1943.

2. The Government Statistician's index number of export prices of greasy wool, calculated for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1936, was taken as equal to 1000, and it was found that the index number for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1943, was 1600.

3. The rates of pay for the 1943-44 season will therefore be as follows:—

Shearers—

- (a) The rate for shearing by machines shall be not less than £1 13s. per one hundred, with rations.
- (b) The rate for shearing lambs shall be not less than £1 13s. per one hundred, with rations.
- (c) The rate for shearing by hand shall be not less than £1 15s. 6d. per one hundred, with rations.
- (d) In cases where the shearers find themselves in rations, an allowance of 5s. per day shall be paid, this allowance to be paid on every day (Sundays and wet days included) from the commencement of the shed until the cut-out.
- (e) The rate for shearing stud sheep and hogget rams shall be rate and a half, and for other rams double ordinary rate.
- (f) The rate for shearing double-fleeced sheep shall be rate and one half.
- (g) The minimum rate for crutching shall be 8s. per one hundred, with rations.

Shed Hands—

- (a) Pressers: By the week, £4 18s.; by the hour, 2s. 8d.
- (b) A presser may work at a piecework rate to be agreed on with his employer, but so that he shall in any event be paid not less than the minimum hourly rates herein specified for the time actually worked by him.

- (c) All other shed hands: By the week, £4 8s.; by the hour, 2s. 6d.
- (d) Weekly shed hands shall be paid the hourly rate as provided for in clause 12 for each hour or part thereof worked after 12 noon on any Saturday.
- (e) Cooks: For twelve men or under, at the rate of £5 8s. per week, or 20s. 6d. per day if employed for less than seven days. (Where over twelve men are employed the wages shall be increased by 2s. 6d. per week for each additional man required to be cooked for, and where the number exceeds eighteen men an assistant shall be employed, and where over twenty-eight men are employed the rate shall be by mutual agreement.)
- (f) Cooks' Assistants: At the rate of £4 13s. per week, or 17s. per day if employed for less than seven days.
- (g) Rations: Each worker shall be provided with rations by his employer. In any case where it is agreed between the employer and the worker that the worker shall provide his own rations, he shall be paid at the rate of 5s. per day in addition to the rates herein prescribed. This allowance is to be paid on every day (Sundays and wet days included) from the commencement of the shed until the cut-out.

J. W. BUTCHER, Government Statistician.

W. H. NICHOLSON, Employers' Representative.

L. C. HAIR, Shearers' Union Representative.

Wellington, 16th July, 1943.
