

NEW ZEALAND **UPHOLSTERESSES.**—AMENDMENT OF AWARD

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942; and in the matter of an application for amendment of the New Zealand Upholsteresses' award, dated the 22nd day of June, 1942, and recorded in 42 Book of Awards 641.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942, and upon application made by a party to the New Zealand Upholsteresses' award, dated the 22nd day of June, 1942, and recorded in 42 Book of Awards 641, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended—

(i) By deleting subclauses (a) and (b) of clause 4 (Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclauses:—

“(a) The minimum wage for journeywomen shall be £3 7s. 6d. per week.

“(b) Journeywomen employed cutting loose covers for upholstered furniture (other than from patterns) shall be paid not less than £4 2s. 6d. per week.”

(ii) By deleting subclauses (a) and (c) of clause 5 (Learners), and substituting therefor the following sub-clauses:—

“(a) The minimum wages for learners shall be as follows:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
“ First six months .. .. .	1	1	0
“ Second six months .. .. .	1	5	9
“ Third six months .. .. .	1	10	0
“ Fourth six months .. .. .	1	15	0
“ Fifth six months .. .. .	2	1	6
“ Sixth six months .. .. .	2	7	0
“ Seventh six months .. .. .	2	12	0
“ Eighth six months .. .. .	2	18	0

“ Provided that a worker of eighteen years or over commencing without experience shall be deemed to be commencing in her third six months of service.

“(c) No worker over the age of twenty-one years shall receive less than £2 17s. per week, except as an under-rate worker.”

(iii) By deleting clause 11, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“ *Meal-money*

“ 11. Meal-money at the rate of 2s. per meal shall be paid to the worker when called upon to work overtime, provided such worker cannot reasonably get home to her meal.

“ The provisions of clause 6 of this award increasing rates of remuneration shall not apply to the meal-money payment provided for in this clause.”

2. That this order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 1945.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

I dissent, because the amount awarded does not restore and preserve to these workers their relative position, but lowers it by 1s. 8d. per week.