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DETERMINATION OF THE SEWER BUILDERS BOARD.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed as Labourers in connexion with the construction of sewers" has made the following Determination, namely:—

- | Apprentices or Improvers. | | Juvenile Workers. | | All other employees. | | | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|--|-------|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| WAGES.
Per Week of 44 Hours. | | WAGES.
Per Week of 44 Hours. | | WAGES. | | Within the cities of Ballarat and Bendigo, and the boroughs of Eaglehawk and Sebastopol. | | All other parts of Victoria where this Determination applies. | |
| | s. d. | | s. d. | | | Per Hour. | Per Week of 44 Hours. | Per Hour. | Per Week of 44 Hours. |
| 1st year .. | 60 0 | Persons under 19 years of age (other than apprentices or improvers) employed—(a) carrying tools, (b) as tool sharpener's assistant .. | 60 0 | Man in charge of six or more employees .. | 1 11½ | 86 2 | 2 1½ | 93 6 | |
| 2nd .. | | | | Powder monkey .. | 2 1 | 91 8 | 2 3 | 99 0 | |
| 3rd .. | | | | Concrete manhole builder .. | 2 1 | 91 8 | 2 3 | 99 0 | |
| | | | | Concrete mixer .. | 1 10½ | 82 6 | 2 0½ | 89 10 | |
| APPRENTICES. | | | | Leading trimmer, manhole sinker, timber cutter, preparer, or measurer .. | 1 11½ | 86 2 | 2 1½ | 93 6 | |
| On apprentice to every three working men receiving not less than 1s. 6d. per week of 44 hours .. | | | | Invert block setter .. | 1 11½ | 86 2 | 2 1½ | 93 6 | |
| | | | | Sinkers (other than manhole sinkers), drivers, hammer and drill hands, jumpers and trimmers (other than leading trimmers) .. | 1 10½ | 82 6 | 2 0½ | 89 10 | |
| IMPROVERS. | | | | Foreman's assistant .. | 1 11½ | 86 2 | 2 1½ | 93 6 | |
| On improver to every five working men receiving not less than 1s. 6d. per week of 44 hours .. | | | | Pitcher setter .. | 1 10½ | 82 6 | 2 0½ | 89 10 | |
| | | | | Pipe layer or jointer .. | 1 11½ | 80 2 | 2 1½ | 93 6 | |
| | | | | Pipe layer or jointer, cutting out live pipes or cutting into mains or sub-mains .. | 2 5½ | 108 2 | 2 7½ | 115 6 | |
| | | | | Tool sharpener .. | 1 10½ | 82 6 | 2 0½ | 89 10 | |
| | | | | Slurry filler .. | 1 9½ | 78 10 | 1 11½ | 86 2 | |
| | | | | Topman .. | 1 8½ | 75 2 | 1 10½ | 82 6 | |
| | | | | All others .. | 1 8½ | 75 2 | 1 10½ | 82 6 | |
- Any employee working in wet ground, that is, ground where a man working therein under ordinary and usual conditions must in the performance of his work—
- (i) be wetted from the feet to the knees; or
- (ii) be wetted above the waist in the course of a shift through working clothes other than oilskins or other waterproof clothing, by water settling in or falling or dripping upon him,
- shall be paid 1d. per hour in addition to the above rates.
- Any employee working at a depth of more than 16 feet and any topman working at a depth of more than 8 feet shall be paid 2d. per hour in addition to the above rates.

(3) Shifts.—That—

(a) The hour of beginning and the hour of ending each shift shall be as follows :—

				Where one shift is worked.	
				Time of beginning.	Time of ending.
Monday to Friday ..	..	..	..	8 a.m.	5 p.m.
Saturday ..	..	..	..	8 a.m.	12 noon.
				Where two shifts are worked.	
Monday to Friday ..	..	..	..	7 a.m.	3 p.m.
				3 p.m.	11 p.m.

(b) The higher rate to be paid for each hour or fraction of an hour worked by any employee before or after his shift shall be time and a half for the first two hours, and thereafter double time.

(4) SPECIAL RATES.—Double time shall be the rate for all work done on Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Eight Hours Day (21st April), Christmas Day, and Boxing Day; but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays, the special rate shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

H. J. RICHARDSON, J.P., Chairman.

A. G. ALLEN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 16th October, 1922.