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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE SHOPS BOARD No. 12 (FUEL AND FODDER).

Notes.—(1) This Determination applies to the following parts of Victoria, namely:—The Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts and the Orders in Council thereunder; the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, and Warrnambool; the town of Newtown and Chilwell; and the boroughs of Eaglehawk and Sebastopol.

(2) By Orders in Council made on the 10th September, 1913, and 21st October, 1930, power was conferred on the Coal and Coke Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in any business or occupation connected with the sale or distribution of coal or coke by any—

- (a) coal importer;
- (b) coal mine owner;
- (c) gas company;
- (d) agent or contractor who distributes coal or coke for any coal importer, coal mine owner, or gas company.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board which now has the power to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

- (a) employed in the business of a hay, corn, or chaff dealer;
- (b) employed in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with the business of a hay, corn, or chaff dealer;
- (c) employed in any business or occupation connected with the preparation of firewood for sale or connected with the sale or distribution of wood, coal, or coke.
- (d) employed handling or distributing brewers' or distillers' grains"—

has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That on the 11th March, 1948, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

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2 (i)

Improvers.		Other Employees.		
WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS. <i>s. d.</i> Under 17 years of age .. 52 6 17 years of age .. 61 3 18 .. 75 9 19 .. 83 6 20 .. 92 3		WAGES.		
		(a) <i>In Hay, Corn, or Chaff Stores.</i> (b) <i>Employed handling or distributing brewers' or distillers' grains</i> Foreman, i.e., the man who gives instructions to and is responsible for the work done by not fewer than three adults employed in the store 133 0 per week of 40 hours Drivers of motor wagons— (a) having a capacity of 2 tons or less .. 127 0 .. 40 .. (b) having a capacity exceeding 2 tons, but not exceeding 4 tons .. 132 0 .. 40 .. (c) having a capacity exceeding 4 tons with 1s. per day extra for each trailer 138 0 .. 40 .. Carters driving one horse .. 123 0 .. 40 .. Carters driving two horses .. 128 0 .. 40 .. And for every additional horse .. 0 6 extra per day .. All others .. 126 0 per week of 40 hours		
PROPORTION. One improver to the first four or fraction of four workers receiving not less than 12s. per week of 40 hours, and thereafter one improver to each additional four such workers.		Within the cities of Ballarat and Bendigo, and the boroughs of Eaglehawk and Sebastopol.		
		All other parts of Victoria where this Determination applies.		
Wood Yards, or Wood, Coal, and Coke (Combined) Yards. Yardman in charge, i.e., the person for the time being entrusted with the control or superintendence of a wood yard or a wood and coal yard (combined), notwithstanding he may be under the orders of a superior who does not devote his whole time to the management of the same yard 126 0 per week of 40 hours Drivers of motor wagons— (a) having a capacity of 2 tons or less .. 127 0 .. 40 .. (b) having a capacity exceeding 2 tons, but not exceeding 4 tons .. 132 0 .. 40 .. (c) having a capacity exceeding 4 tons with 1s. per day extra for each trailer 138 0 .. 40 .. Carters driving one horse .. 123 0 .. 40 .. Carters driving two horses .. 128 0 .. 40 .. And for every additional horse .. 0 6 extra per day .. All others .. 124 0 per week of 40 hours		See also Clauses 2 (ii) and 3.		
		Coal Yards (i.e., Places where at least 80 per cent. of the Business is done in Coal) or Coke Yards. Drivers of motor wagons— (a) having a capacity of 2 tons or less .. 127 0 per week of 40 hours (b) having a capacity exceeding 2 tons, but not exceeding 4 tons .. 132 0 .. 40 .. (c) having a capacity exceeding 4 tons with 1s. per day extra for each trailer 138 0 .. 40 .. Carters driving one horse .. 123 0 .. 40 .. Carters driving two horses .. 128 0 .. 40 .. And for every additional horse .. 0 6 extra per day .. All others .. 137 0 per week of 40 hours		See also Clauses 2 (ii) and 3.
Firewood Saw Mills (i.e., Places where Mechanical Power is used to saw Firewood). Benchmen 130 0 per week of 40 hours Drivers of motor wagons— (a) having a capacity of 2 tons or less .. 127 0 .. 40 .. (b) having a capacity exceeding 2 tons, but not exceeding 4 tons .. 132 0 .. 40 .. (c) having a capacity exceeding 4 tons with 1s. per day extra for each trailer 138 0 .. 40 .. Carters driving one horse .. 123 0 .. 40 .. Carters driving two horses .. 128 0 .. 40 .. And for every additional horse .. 0 6 extra per day .. All others .. 126 0 per week of 40 hours				See also Clauses 2 (ii) and 3.

(ii)

EXTRA RATES.

per week.

	<i>s. d.</i>
Further additional amount for a person employed handling or distributing brewers' or distillers' grains ..	3 0
Further additional amount for a person employed handling or distributing brewers' or distillers' grains in lieu of employer providing working trousers and footwear ..	3 0
Further additional amount for an employee driver who is required in any week to collect moneys and account for them as part of his duties ..	1 0

3.

ALLOWANCES.

(i) To the amounts otherwise prescribed in this Determination shall be added the following :—

- (a) Driver of a motor vehicle fitted with a charcoal gas producer unit—for each day or portion thereof upon which he is called upon to drive such vehicle 1s. per day
- (b) Cleaner of gas producer unit (who is not a driver) for each day or part thereof upon which he is called upon to clean such unit An extra 1s.

(ii) Suitable overalls and gloves shall be provided by the employer for any employee mentioned in sub-clause (i) hereof.

(iii) The employer shall provide suitable washing conveniences for any employee mentioned in sub-clause (i) hereof, together with hot water or some other efficient cleansing material.

TRAVELLING TIME.

4. Any employee employed on a milling plant who is directed during the day to work on that day at a location other than his usual place of employment, shall be paid for the time so occupied in travelling from and to such place and all fares necessarily incurred.

PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT.

5. The Board determines that no person shall be employed as an apprentice.

6. TIMES OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.

Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.
7.30 a.m.	12 noon the day the half-holiday is usually observed.
7.30 a.m.	5.15 p.m. five days in the week.

7. OVERTIME.

(a) Carters.

Outside the times of beginning and ending work as herein fixed	Time and a half.
Within the times of beginning and ending work in excess of the number of hours fixed in this Determination as a week's work	Time and a half.

(b) All Others.

Between midnight and 7.30 a.m.	Double time.
At any other time outside the times of beginning and ending work as herein fixed	Time and a half.
Within the times of beginning and ending work in excess of the number of hours fixed in this Determination as a week's work	Time and a half.

HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAY WORK.

8. Employees shall be entitled to absent themselves from work without loss of pay on the under-mentioned public holidays, viz.:—New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Anzac Day, Fuel and Fodder Trades' Annual Holiday, King's Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day (within the Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts and the Orders in Council thereunder), Christmas Day, and Boxing Day. Work done on Sundays or on any of the specified public holidays shall be paid for as follows:—

(a) On Sundays—

(i) Time occupied in attending to horses, or in the essential conveyance of fodder for stock	Time and a half;
(ii) All other work	Time and three-quarters.

(b) On any of the specified public holidays—

(i) Time occupied in attending to horses, or in the essential conveyance of fodder for stock	Time and a half;
(ii) All other work	Double time.

If any other day be substituted by Act of Parliament or Proclamation for any of the above-mentioned holidays, the special rate prescribed shall be payable only for work done on the day so substituted.

TIME WAGES.

9. Any person employed in a factory or shop on time wages for less than the number of hours fixed for an ordinary week's work shall be paid for time worked up to 20 hours as follows:—

(a) in any week in which two or more public holidays occur	At the ordinary wages rate with an addition of fifty per centum.
(b) in any other week	At the ordinary wages rate, with an addition of thirty-three and one-third per centum.

For time worked beyond the 20 hours aforesaid, he shall be paid the ordinary wages rate up to but not exceeding the rate prescribed by this Determination for an ordinary week's work, together with any overtime rate which is applicable.

CASUAL LABOUR.

10. Casual hands, i.e., persons who are employed other than in a factory or shop during any week for not more than one-half of the maximum number of hours fixed in this Determination as a week's work shall be paid at the rate of time and a third.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

11. The annual holiday shall be as prescribed by the provisions of the *Factories and Shops (Annual Holidays) Act 1946*, No. 5111, and any amendments which may be made thereto from time to time.

SICK LEAVE.

12. (a) No deduction shall be made from the wages of any employee unavoidably absent through illness for not more than 40 hours of working time in any year, provided he has submitted within 24 hours of the commencement of such absence satisfactory evidence that the same is not the result of his own misconduct.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause (a) hereof, if the full period of sick leave as prescribed above is not taken in any year, such portion as is not taken shall be cumulative from year to year up to a period not exceeding 80 hours of working time which shall be the maximum amount of sick leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year without deduction of pay. For the purposes of this sub-clause, service prior to 1st February, 1947, shall be disregarded.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

13. Except in a case where an employee has been guilty of a misdemeanour, seven days' notice of termination of employment shall be given by either employer or worker. If such notice be not given, a week's wages shall be paid or forfeited, as the case may be, in lieu thereof.

PAYMENT OF WAGES.

14. Wages shall be paid not later than Thursday in each week.

PIECE-WORK.

15. The lowest piece-work prices payable to any persons for doing work of a description referred to in the following Schedule shall be—

		<i>Cutting Wood.</i>		
4-ft. or over—one cut..	..	..	..	per ton .. 3s. 5d.
		<i>Splitting Wood.</i>		
Box, redgum, or ironbark	..	..	..	per ton (40 cubic feet).. 4s. 5d.
Box, redgum, or ironbark	..	..	..	" (by weight).. 6s. 0d.
Culled box, redgum, ironbark	..	..	..	" " " " .. 8s. 1d.
Blocks (box, redgum, or ironbark)	..	..	..	per truck (Standard I.) 41s. 6d.
1-ft. blocks, common wood	..	..	..	per ton (40 cubic feet).. 3s. 8d.
2-ft. blocks, common wood	..	..	..	" " " " .. 3s. 1d.
1-ft. blocks, common wood	..	..	..	per truck (Standard I.) 29s. 11d.
2-ft. blocks, common wood	..	..	..	" " " " .. 28s. 4d.
Mallee roots	..	..	..	per ton (by weight) .. 6s. 3d.

NOTE.—To the weekly earnings of each pieceworker the sum of 5s. shall be added, provided that where less than 40 hours are worked in any week, a proportionate amount shall be added in lieu of such sum.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES RATES AND PIECE-WORKERS' EARNINGS.

16. The wages rates set out in clause 2 (i) are based upon the following basic wage rates, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1934*, the Board hereby determines that such rates and the weekly earnings of piece-workers shall be automatically adjusted as prescribed by clause 17. Provided that the wages of juniors shall be adjusted proportionately to adjustments of the basic wage, such adjustments to be to the nearest 3d., half or less than half of 3d. to be disregarded.

Basic Wage.

Place.	Needs Basic Wage (Adjustable.)	Loading (Constant.)	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
Within the area to which this Determination applies.	£ s. d. 5 7 0	s. d. 6 0	£ s. d. 5 13 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

17. (a) For the purposes of this Determination, the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's 'all items' retail price index numbers" or any like expression means the numbers stated to be such index numbers in any document purporting, and not proved to be wrongly so purporting, to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be signed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth Statistician.

(b) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1948, the amounts of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 16.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a May, an August, a November, or a February, the amount of the needs basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method, namely, by multiplying the last published Commonwealth Statistician's 'all items' retail price index number by the factor .087 taken to one place of decimals, the resultant whole number being the amount of the basic wage expressed in shillings, but should the decimal number reach .5 or more the basic wage shall be taken to the next higher shilling.

P. A. RANGLES, J.P., Chairman.
J. V. WILLOX, Secretary.

Melbourne, 4th March, 1948.