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Factories and Shops Acts.

· DETERMINATION OF THE WIREWORKERS BOARD.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Special Board appointed to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed either inside or outside a factory or work-room in the process, trade, or business of :—

" A wire-worker, using six gauge or smaller wire, but not including persons employed in making wire netting, barbed wire, wire nails, or wire mattresses,"

has made the following Determinations, viz. :—

1. That previous Determinations of this Board are hereby amended, and such amendments shall come into force and be operative on and after the 18th day of March, 1916. The Determination and· amendments are printed hereunder.

2. That the lowest rates of wages to be paid to the following persons shall be—

	s. d.	£ s. d.
Wire-workers	1 2¾ per hour, or	2 17 6 per week of 48 hours.
Weavers	1 2¾ ,,	2 17 6 ,, ,,
Weavers' Strikers	1 0 ,,	2 8 0 ,, ,,

Persons (other than apprentices or improvers) under the age of 21 years engaged minding swifts, blacking, painting, or·oiling, carrying or moving material, packing, cleaning up factory or shop, or going messages :— /

	s. d.
During 1st year's experience	10 0 per week of 48 hours.
,, 2nd ,, ,, .. ·	12 6 ,, ,,
,, 3rd ,, ,, ...	15 0 ,, ,,

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS.

" Apprentice " means any person under twenty-one years of age, bound by indentures of apprenticeship or any person over twenty-one years of age who, with the sanction of the Minister, is bound by indentures of appreticeship (Act 2650, Section 3).

NOTE.—The Wireworkers Board has prescribed a form of apprenticeship agreement. Section 187 requires that the indentures must be in that form.

" Improver " means any person (other than an apprentice) who does not receive a piece-work price or a wages rate fixed by any Special Board for persons other than apprentices or improvers, and who is not over·twenty-one years of age, or who being over twenty-one years of age holds a licence from the Minister to be paid as an improver. (Act 2650 Section 3).

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS—*continued*.

3. That the wages and number of apprentices or improvers who may be employed in any factory or place shall be—

Wages per week of 48 hours.			Proportionate Number.
—	Apprentices.	Improvers.	
	s. d.	s. d.	**APPRENTICES.**
1st year ...	7 6	7 6	One apprentice to every 3 or fraction of 3 workers
2nd ,, ...	10 0	12 6	receiving not less than 48s. per week of 48 hours.
3rd ,, ...	15 0	17 6	
4th ,, ...	20 0	25 0	**IMPROVERS.**
5th ,, ...	25 0	30 0	One improver to every two workers receiving not less
6th ,, ...	30 0	35 0	than 48s. per week of 48 hours.

TIME OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.

4. That the time of beginning and ending work shall be—

Time of Beginning—   **Time of Ending—**

7.45 a.m. ..   .. 5.30 p.m. on each of five days of the week.

7.45 a.m. ..   .. 1 p.m. on the other working day of the week on which the half-holiday is usually observed.

OVERTIME.

5. That wherever overtime is worked it shall be paid for at the rates as hereunder :—

For work done within the times of beginning and ending work in excess of 48 hours in any week   ..   ..

For work done between 1 p.m. and midnight on the day on which the half-holiday is usually observed   ..   ..   Time and a third.

For work done between 5.30 p.m. and midnight on the other working days   ..   ..

For work done between midnight and 7.45 a.m.   ..   ..   ..   Double time.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

6. That double time shall be the special rate of payment payable to any person for all work done on—

(*a*) Sundays ;

(*b*) On the undermentioned public holidays (that is to say) :—

Good Friday ;
Easter Monday ;
New Year's Day ;
Foundation Day (26th January) ;
Eight Hours Day (21st April) ;
King's Birthday ;
Christmas Day ;
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.

PIECE-WORK PRICES.

7. That the lowest piece-work prices for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing articles specified in the following Schedule shall be—

SCHEDULE.

Baskets—   s. d.

Fry-baskets, 2 inches deep, long or drop handles   .. 0 2 per inch.

Vegetable baskets, 4½ inches deep, long or drop handles .. 0 2½   ,,

(To be made in not less than one dozen lots, assorted sizes.)

Cages, cockatoo—   s. d.

18-in.   ..   .. 3 5 each.

20 ,, ... 3 10   ,,

22 ,, ... 5 7   ,,

24 ,, ... 6 .9   ,,

(To be made in lots of not less than half-a-dozen of each size.)

Cages, canary (common)—   s. d.

9-in., with bell tops   ..   .. 6 11 per dozen.

9-in., without bell tops   ..   .. 6 5   ,,

(To be made in three (3) dozen lots.)

PIECE-WORK PRICES—*continued.*

Cages, parrot (common)—

		s.	d.	
12-in.		8	6	per dozen.
14 ,,		9	7	,,
16 ,,		11	2	,,
18 ,,		12	9	,,
20 ,,		17	1	,,

(To be made in not less than four (4) dozen lots, assorted or otherwise.)

Cages, parrot (galvanized)—

		s.	d.	
12-in.		8	6	per dozen.
14 ,,		9	7	,,
16 ,,		11	2	,,
18 ,,		12	9	,,
20 ,,		17	1	,,

To be galvanized after made, and in not less than three (3) dozen assorted lots. Grates or false bottoms to be paid for at the rate of 6½d. each extra.

Cage fronts—

	s.	d.	
Wiring fronts, wood frames provided ..	3	9	per dozen.
Wire fronts (all wire)	5	4	,,

Diamond Work—

		s.	d.	
4-in. mesh, 9 gauge wire		13	3¾	per 100 square ft.
3 ,, 9 ,,		13	3¾	,,
2½ ,, 10 ,,		17	9	,,
1½ ,, 10 ,,		22	2¼	,,
1½ ,, 12 ,,		19	11½	,,
1 ,, 13 and 14 gauge wire		33	3½	,,
1½ sq. crimped mesh, 12 gauge wire		13	3¾	,,

and if made stronger, 2s. 2¼d. per 100 square feet for every gauge extra.

(To be made in quantities of not less than 100 square feet.)

	s.	d.	
Dog muzzles, complete, with binding and straps	5s.	10¼d.	per dozen.

(To be made in quantities of not less than one gross, assorted.)

Door mats   ..   4¼d. per square foot.

Fender sheets—

		s.	d.	
½-in. mesh ..		0	2¾	per square foot.
⅜ ,,		0	3¼	,,

(To be made in not less than one (1) dozen lots.)

		s.	d.	
Fixing sheets on frames		0	9½	each.
Making frames, brass tops and plates, all sizes ..		3	2¼	,,
,, ,, without brass tops and plates, all sizes ..		2	8	,,

Fern baskets—

		s.	d.	
8-in.		3	2¼	per dozen.
10 ,,		3	8¾	,,
12 ,,		4	9½	,,

(To be made in lots of not less than one (1) gross.)

Floral designs—

		s.	d.	
8-in.		2	8	per dozen.
10 ,,		2	8	,,
12 ,,		2	8	,,
14 ,,		4	3	,,
16 ,,		4	3	,,

Flowerstands—

		s.	d.	
½ round, 3 steps		9	7	each.
,, 4 ,,		14	11	,,
Oblong Gothic		5	4	,,
Flat back, 3 steps		9	7	,,
,, 4 ,,		14	11	,,

Gridirons—

	s.	d.	
Light, made of 12 and 14 gauge wire, 8, 10, and 12 inch size	36	3	per gross.
Medium, made of 10 and 12 gauge wire, 8, 10, and 12 inch ,,	39	4	,,
Heavy, made of 8 and 10 gauge wire, 8, 10, and 12 inch	57	6	,,

(To be made in lots of not less than one (1) gross.)

		s.	d.	
Rat traps, patent, ½-in. mesh, finished		44	9	per dozen.
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, flat bottomed		49	0	,,

(To be made in not less than one (1) dozen lots.)

PIECE-WORK PRICES—*continued.*

Rat traps (square)—

							s.	d.	
12-in. finished	..	..	..	..	..	12	9	per dozen.
14	,,	..	:.	..	..	..	16	0	,,
16	,,	..	..	..	..	..	18	1	..

(To be made in three (3) dozen lots assorted.)

Riddles—

						s.	d.	
20-in., $\frac{1}{2}$-in. mesh, 17 gauge wire or one gauge heavier	..	1	3	each.
,, $\frac{5}{8}$,, 16 ,, ,,	..	1	$0\frac{3}{4}$	,,
,, $\frac{3}{4}$,, 15 ,, ,,	..	1	$0\frac{3}{4}$	,,
,, $\frac{7}{8}$,, 14 ,, ,,	..	0	$11\frac{3}{4}$	,,
,, 1 ,, 13 ,, ,,	..	0	$11\frac{3}{4}$	,,
22-in., $\frac{1}{2}$,, 17 ,, ,,	..	1	3	,,
,, $\frac{5}{8}$,, 16 ,, ,,	..	1	$0\frac{3}{4}$	,,
,, $\frac{3}{4}$,, 15 ,, ,,	..	1	$0\frac{3}{4}$	,,
,, $\frac{7}{8}$,, 14 ,, ,,	..	0	$11\frac{3}{4}$	,,
,, 1 ,, 13 ,, ,,	..	0	$11\frac{3}{4}$	,,

(To be made in not less than four (4) dozen lots, assorted meshes.)

Screens—

						s.	d.	
5 feet x 2 ft. 6 in.	..	..	..	..	..	9	0	each for all meshes.
6 ,, x 3 feet	..	..	..	..	..	10	8	,, ,,

(To be made in not less than six lots, assorted meshes.)

Sewer vent pipe covers—

						s.	d.	
$1\frac{1}{2}$-in.	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	0	per dozen.
2 ,,	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	,,
$2\frac{1}{2}$,,	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	9	,,
3 ,,	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	,,
$3\frac{1}{2}$,,	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	9	,,
$4\frac{1}{2}$,,	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	9	,,

Sieves—

						s.	d.	
18-in.	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	$9\frac{1}{2}$	per dozen.
20 ,,	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	$9\frac{1}{2}$	,,
22 ,,	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	$9\frac{1}{2}$	,,

(To be made in not less than six (6) dozen lots, all meshes; assorted sizes.)

Straight work—

				s.	d.	
$\frac{1}{2}$-in. mesh, 16 and 12 gauge wire laced with 22 gauge	..	0	$2\frac{1}{2}$	per square foot.
,, 14 ,, 10 ,, ,, 20 ,,	..	0	$2\frac{3}{4}$	,,
,, 12 ,, 8 ,, ,, 18 ,,	..	0	$3\frac{3}{4}$	,,

Wall ties—

						s.	d.	
6 and 4 gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	per cwt.
8 gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	,,

Wall ties (dimple)—

						s.	d.	
6 and 4 gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	5	10	per cwt.
8 gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	6	11	,,

				s.	d.	
Wall ties (simplex), 10 gauge wire	..	..	..	9	1	per gross.

Weaving—Sieve cloth—

				s.	d.	
$\frac{1}{2}$-in. mesh, 17 and 18 gauge wire	..	..	..	7	$9\frac{1}{4}$	per 100 square ft.
$\frac{3}{8}$,, ,, 17 ,, 18 ,,	..	..	7	$9\frac{1}{4}$	,,
3 mesh, 3 holes to inch, 18 gauge wire	..	..	7	$9\frac{1}{4}$	,,
4 ,, 20 gauge wire	..	..	..	7	$9\frac{1}{4}$	,,
5 ,, 21 ,, ,,	..	..	..	7	$9\frac{1}{4}$	,,
6 ,, 22 ,, ,,	..	..	..	7	$9\frac{1}{4}$	,,
7 ,, 23 ,, ,,	..	..	..	7	$9\frac{1}{4}$	,,
8 ,, 24 ,, ,,	..	..	..	8	$10\frac{1}{2}$	,,
9 ,, 25 ,, ,,	..	..	..	8	$10\frac{1}{2}$	,,
10 ,, 25 and 26 gauge wire	..	..	..	8	$10\frac{1}{2}$	,,
12 ,, 26 ,, 27 ,, ,,	..	..	11	$1\frac{1}{4}$	,,
14 ,, 27 ,, 28 ,, ,,	..	..	13	$3\frac{3}{4}$	,,
16 ,, 28 ,, 29 ,, ,,	..	..	13	$3\frac{3}{4}$	,,
18 ,, 29 ,, 30 ,, ,,	..	..	17	9	,,
20 ,, 30 to 32 ,, ,,	..	..	17	9	,,
24 ,, 32 and 33 ,, ,,	..	..	22	$2\frac{1}{4}$	,,

PIECE-WORK PRICES—continued.

Weaving (medium cloth)—

						s.	d.	
½-in. mesh, 15 and 16 gauge wire	..	..	..	13	3¾	per 100 square ft.
3 ,,	15 ,,	16 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 13	3¾	,,
4 ,,	16, 17 ,,	18 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 13	3¾	,,
5 ,,	17 ,,	18 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 13	3¾	,,
6 ,,	18 ,,	19 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 13	3¾	,,
7 ,,	19 ,,	20 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 13	3¾	,,
8 ,,	19 ,,	20 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 13	3¾	,,
9 ,,	19 ,,	20 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 13	3¾	,,
10 ,,	19, 20 ,,	21 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 15	6¼	,,
12 ,,	23 ,,	24 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 17	9	,,
14 ,,	25 ,,	26 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 17	9	,,
16 ,,	26 ,,	27 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 22	2¼	,,
18 ,,	27 ,,	28 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 22	2¼	,,
20 ,,	28 ,,	29 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 24	5	,,
24 ,,	28 ,,	29 ,,	,,	..	..	.. 26	7½	,,

(To be made in lengths of not less than fifty (50) yards.)

Weaving (stick work)—

				s.	d.	
7 and 8 mesh, 17 and 18 gauge wire ..	..	.. 17	9	per 100 square ft.
9 ,, 10 ,,	18 ,,	,, ..	..	.. 17	9	,,
12 to 14 ,,	20 to 22 ,,	,, ..	..	.. 26	7½	,,
16 ,, 18 ,,	23 and 24 ,,	,, ..	..	.. 26	7½	,,
20 ,,	23 ,, 24 ,,	,, ..	..	.. 26	7½	,,
24 ,,	25 ,, 26 ,,	,, ..	..	.. 31	0¼	,,

(To be made in lengths of not less than thirty (30) yards.)

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Dated at Melbourne this 16th day of February, 1916.