

PUBLIC WORKS.

(Misc.)

C.S.

193 7.

No. 178/37.

H. E. The Ag. Governor.

SUBJECT.

193 7.

13th September.

"TIMING-IN" OF MEN EMPLOYED BY THE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Minute from His Excellency the Acting Governor of 13/9/37.

(1)

P. W. D.

Minute from H.E. submitted.

2. I have never served in any other colony where there was no system of checking the times of arrival.
3. A few days ago I mentioned on the telephone that provision was made in the draft financial regulations for a card system for men on hourly pay - these cards being signed by the Foreman when the men arrived for and left off work. I think you expressed agreement but perhaps you will confirm this when replying to H.E's minute a red (1).

J. C.
13/9/37

Subsequent Paper.

Hon Col Secretary.

The movements of P.W.D. workmen as observed by His Excellency is an abuse which decidedly calls for remedy, and as I recently expressed to you I am of opinion that a system of "time checking" should be brought into effect, to enable the Foremen to keep tab on every man and also avoid the dissatisfaction which arises among the workmen as the practice of "walking off" gradually developes into a habit.

2. The system of "checking in", which was in force for some years from 1927 and was discontinued on account of numerous gangs working over scattered areas, can now be recommenced, and I submit draft notice for approval.

3. The Foreman Carpenter has been acquainted with the contents of para 3, of His Excellency's minute of 13/9/37.

P. E. Cunnaw
D.P.W.
16/9/37.

N.B. For correspondence on a similar occurrence see M.P.C.18/24.

*Attached
16/9/37.*

Y.E. submitted. Notice may be published?

Red 17/9/37

Hon. Col.

Mr Roberts, D.P.W., may have some objection to offer. The matter had better await his return.

*MCH
20.9.37*

P.W.D.

Please note HES minute to be a for consideration on Mr Roberts return

*Red
20/9/37*

The reply from the D.P.W. is filed at Red (10) in M.P. C/1s/37.

A9:

From His Excellency the Governor

to The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Secy.

I understand from the P. Works Dept: that the men employed are not required to "time in" at commencement of work in the morning or at knock off in the afternoon. It seems from what I have observed myself that men go to work late and knock off long before the prescribed hours. For instance I have noticed men going to work after 8 o'clock in the morning and packing up soon after 4 p.m. This is nothing short of scandalous - the men are not to blame they are merely taking advantage of the lack of control.

2. I consider all workmen should "time in" in the morning and afternoon and that steps should be taken to put this into effect. I should, however

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DRAFT.

NOTICE.

Commencing on Thursday the 23rd of September, 1937, all workmen employed on hourly rates will muster at the Foreman's Office.

Each man will pick up his numbered ticket from the board at 7.30 a.m. and deposit it on ceasing work at 4.30 p.m.

Any workman taking or depositing any other workman's ticket in addition to his own, or is absent from his work between the hours of 7.30 a.m. to 12.0 noon, and 1.0 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. without permission from the Foreman, is liable to dismissal.

The following walking time will be allowed from town boundaries :-

Sullivan House.	at 12.0 noon.	5 minutes.
	at 4.30 p.m.	8 :
Magazine Valley.	at 4.30 p.m.	5 :
East Common Fence.	at 12.0 noon.	5 :
	at 4.30 p.m.	8 :
South Common Fence.	at 4.30 p.m.	5 :

from greater distances, at the discretion of the General Foreman.

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