

MORE FOR PORT WORKERS.

Arbitration Board, Unionists and Employers, Announces Agreement.

An agreement as to wages and conditions of labor among harbor workers was announced yesterday after two months of deliberation by the Arbitration Board, composed of an equal number of representatives of the harbor workers and the private boat owners.

These meetings commenced after a strike of seven weeks' duration, during which the commerce of the port was seriously crippled, and resulted in considerable increases in wages and other concessions for the men, in spite of the fact that their attempt to gain these advantages by strike was definitely beaten by the private boat owners.

The new scale of wages for the higher grades of skilled harbor workmen, such as engineers, captains, and pilots, provides for increases averaging \$15 a month. Other groups of harbor labor benefit in the same proportion. The increases are retroactive, and the men will receive payment to cover the difference between the old scale from the period beginning with the end of the strike.

The basic ten-hour day is adopted, with the agreement that six days constitutes a week's work. Employes working for one firm for a year or more shall have a vacation for one week with pay. Employes who do not have their meals as a part of their compensation will receive an allowance of 75 cents a meal.