

Minimum Rates Set.

The wage board conference held in Fargo last week recommended to the state commission a minimum of \$16.50 a week for women and minors employed in telephone exchanges and telegraph offices in the state, at the conclusion of its hearing.

The agreement was reached after two days had been spent in determining a minimum for this particular occupational classification. A wage of \$17.50 a week was used as a basis on which the members of the board worked. The minimum as adopted was recently recommended to the commission in the report of Miss Hazel Farkasch, secretary and special investigator for the minimum wage commission.

The minimums, as adopted by the board will now be acted upon by the commission which is not expected to change any of the figures adopted in conference. S. S. McDonald said the minimums will go into effect on or about August 1st.