order of the Court of Arbitration dated 9th August, 1940, and all are subject to the increase from 7th April, 1942, in accordance with the general order of the Court dated 31st March, 1942.


## Inspections, etc.

During the year, 5,240 complaints of alleged breaches of the Act and of awards and industrial agreements, \&c., were received, but it was found on investigation that in 1,530 cases no breach had been committed. In 276 cases proceedings were taken, and in 2,489 warnings were given. No action was considered necessary in the remaining cases. Apart from the complâints mentioned above, a large proportion of the inspections of factories, shops, \&c., included an inspection to ascertain whether the awards and agreements were being complied with in respect of wages, overtime, \&c., and as a result of these inspections 63 prosecutions were taken, and warnings were given in other cases. Of the 339 prosecutions, 282 were against employers and 57 against workers; 230 convictions were recorded, 192 against employers and 38 against workers. Total penalties, $£ 3854 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d .

## Amendment of Industrial Conctilation and Arbitration Act.

A section in the Statutes Amendment Act, 1941, prescribes that notice be given to the Registrar of Industrial Unions of proceedings in the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal relating to contracts of service. The object of the section is to ensure that the Inspector of Awards has an opportunity of being heard where proceedings which touch upon awards or industrial agreements are being dealt with by the Courts mentioned.

