

to the Court—*i.e.*, in which no agreement has been effected by the Commissioners and their assessors—totals eighty-one. Cases partially settled—*i.e.*, leaving but a few clauses over to the Court—total 107. The reports of the Commissioners appear in this report (see page 41).

EXPENDITURE OF COURT AND COUNCILS.

The following table shows the expenditure of (a) Councils of Conciliation, and (b) Court of Arbitration for the years 1910–11, 1911–12, 1912–13, 1913–14 :—

—	1910–11.		1911–12.		1912–13.		1913–14.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Councils	2,897	6 2	3,612	6 6	3,957	5 7	3,577	1 0
Arbitration Court	3,897	13 5	3,312	7 11	4,214	13 11	4,179	1 10
Totals	6,794	19 7	6,924	14 5	8,171	19 6	7,756	2 10

This table includes the salaries of the Conciliation Commissioners (£1,500) and of the members of the Court (£2,800).

It will be noted that the expenditure for the Conciliation Councils shows a decrease of £380 4s. 7d. compared with last year's figures, while the Arbitration Court expenditure also shows a slight decrease (£35 12s. 1d.). The expenditure was no doubt affected by the fact that for nearly two months of the financial year, whilst the strikes of workmen were in progress, the machinery of the Act was not utilized to the same extent as usual.

The expenses of assessors of the Councils during 1913–14 for fees and travelling-expenses are as follow :—

Industrial District.	Fees.		Travelling-expenses.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Northern and Taranaki	487	4 0	74	7 6	561	11 6
Wellington, Marlborough, Nelson, and Westland	468	6 0	147	16 3	616	2 3
Canterbury and Otago and Southland	490	7 0	105	13 1	596	0 1
Totals	1,445	17 0	327	16 10	1,773	13 10

Comparing the totals with last year's expenditure (£2,083 15s.) there has been a decrease of £310 1s. 2d.

ARREARS OF WAGES, ETC., RECOVERED FOR WORKERS UNDER VARIOUS ACTS.

The following table shows the amounts collected by the Department's Inspectors on behalf of workers during the year :—

Industrial District.	Under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.		Under the Factories Act.		Under the Shops and Offices Act.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Northern	558	9 1	3	16 5	20	10 9
Taranaki	25	10 10	..	..	6	5 0
Wellington	414	11 1	22	16 7	57	1 5
Westland .. .. .	..	..	58	16 8	..	..
Canterbury	356	1 10	77	0 6	18	9 8
Otago and Southland	226	0 3	23	16 5	25	9 3
Totals	1,580	13 1	1,186	6 7	127	6 1

Grand total, £1,894 15s. 9d.

The above amounts represent the collections made, on behalf of workers, of wages, &c., in dispute, due by employers, and where it has been found that the facts warrant a settlement without recourse to legal proceedings.