

STAFF NOTES.

The staff of the Department now totals 136, and is composed as follows: Head Office—Administrative, 5; clerical, 17. District offices—Inspection, 64; clerical, 43. Conciliation Commissioners, 2; Court of Arbitration (members and staff), 5. In addition, some 180 other persons, mostly officers of other Departments, give part-time services as agents in small towns. The Inspectors include experts in scaffolding-erection and building-construction, in the manufacture and use of weights and measures and mechanical appliances as used in factories, and also in the composition of footwear.

EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

Salaries, temporary clerical assistance, allowance to officers performing higher duties, and allowance to police and other officers acting as departmental agents	£	37,489
Advertising and publications		583
Fares, board and lodging, &c., advanced to persons proceeding to employment (see refunds below)		324
Fees paid to assessors of Industrial Councils		1,439
Legal and witnesses' expenses (see refunds, below)		117
Postage, telegrams, telephones, and rent of letter-boxes		2,080
Printing and stationery		2,467
Purchase of standard weights and measures		200
Office requisites, fuel and lighting		854
Rent and rates on office accommodation		1,169
Travelling allowances and expenses of Inspectors, members of Court of Arbitration, Conciliation Commissioners, assessors on Conciliation Councils, &c., bicycles, motor-cycles, and motor-cars, and maintenance thereof		10,150
Upkeep of departmental residence		14
Miscellaneous expenditure—	£	
Arbitration Court and Conciliation Councils		31
General		266
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		57,183
Less refunds—		
Fares		334
Legal and witnesses' expenses		69
Sale of publications		178
Travelling-expenses recovered from defendants in cases taken by Department and from persons to whom weights and measures services were rendered		529
From Government Statistician, for services of officers		210
Miscellaneous		65
Freight recovered from persons to whom weights and measures services were rendered		72
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		1,457
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		£55,726

The above figures do not include a number of items for which provision for payment is made elsewhere than in the Department's vote—viz., salaries of Judge and members of Court of Arbitration (£3,500), messenger services, cleaning, &c.