

£2 by an employer who was accidentally killed soon after the fine was imposed : and £42 19s. 6d. of the total amount of penalties is owing by persons only recently fined. Steps are being taken in the usual way to collect the amounts owing.

Return showing Total Cases, and Penalties paid and owing by Workers (other than Slaughtermen), as at 31st March, 1911.

	£	s.	d.	Percentage.
Total number of cases in which penalties inflicted, 604.				
Total amount of penalties	576	19	0	..
Total amount paid	485	15	9	84½
Total amount outstanding	91	3	3	15½

Of the amount of £91 3s. 3d. outstanding, £74 2s. 11d., representing nearly 13 per cent. of the total amount of penalties, is owing by workers whose present whereabouts are unknown (distress warrants were issued against several of them at various times, but were returned either for the reason given, or, where warrants could be served, there were no effects to seize ; some of these workers were only recently fined, while others disappeared either before or just after the penalty was imposed) ; £5 10s. is being paid by instalments ; £3 13s. is owing by men against whom distress warrants have been issued, but so far without effect : £1 12s. 4d. by two workers who were recently drowned ; and £6 5s. by workers only recently fined, for the recovery of which the usual steps are being taken.

Out of the total amount of penalties inflicted on slaughtermen—viz., £1,330—it will be noted that there is still an amount of £295 outstanding, or 22 per cent. of the whole.

Return showing Position of Slaughtermen's Fines as at 31st March, 1911.

	£	s.	d.	Percentage.
Total number of cases in which penalties inflicted, 266.				
Total amount of penalties	1,330	0	0	..
Amount paid within three months	422	10	0	31½
Amount paid within six months	70	5	0	5¼
Amount paid over six months	542	3	6	41
Amounting outstanding	295	1	6	22

Of the amount of £295 1s. 6d. outstanding, £195 1s. 6d., representing 14½ per cent. of the total amount of penalties, is owing by 72 slaughtermen, who at present cannot be found.

I am afraid, owing to the long lapse of time, the difficulty of tracing these men is very great, although the Inspectors will not cease their efforts to enforce payment of the penalties if they come across the men in the future.

The business dealt with under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, during the year ending the 31st March, 1911, is summarized in the following table :—

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Arbitration Court.

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Enforcements of awards (conducted by Department)	5
Enforcements of awards (conducted by unions)	Nil.
Interpretations of awards	33
Other decisions (amending awards, adding parties, &c.)	43
Appeals from decisions of Stipendiary Magistrates	7
Application for awards refused	2
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Enforcements of awards (conducted by Department)	519
Enforcement of awards (conducted by unions)	20
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