

TAILORING TRADE REGULATIONS.

These regulations were gazetted in 1925 to prevent the misuse of such expressions as "tailor-made" and "hand-made" as applied to garments made to measure, some of which are made partly by machine process. During the year 3 complaints of alleged breaches of the regulations were received; in only 1 case, however, was there evidence of a breach of the regulations. Proceedings were instituted in this case, but, as the business of the manufacturer was being wound up, were subsequently withdrawn.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

The Fourteenth Session of the International Labour Conference was convened for the 10th June, 1930. For the first time New Zealand is represented at this Conference, the delegation consisting of one Government representative, one employers' representative, and one workers' representative. The items on the agenda paper for discussion at the Conference are as follows: (1) Forced labour; (2) hours of work of salaried employees; (3) hours of work in coal-mines.

STAFF NOTES.

The staff of the Department totals 138, and is composed of—Head Office: Administration, 5; clerical, 17. District offices: Inspection, 61; clerical, 48. Conciliation Commissioners, 2. Court of Arbitration (members and staff), 5. In addition, about 180 persons act as part-time agents in the small towns.

Mr. F. W. T. Rowley, who was appointed Secretary of Labour, &c., from 1st January, 1914, resigned from the service on the 30th November, 1929. Mr. Rowley joined the Department as a cadet in 1893.

EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

Salaries, temporary clerical assistance, allowances to officers performing higher duties, and allowances to police and other officers acting as Departmental agents	£ 41,268
Advertising and publications	210
Fares, board and lodging, &c., advanced to persons proceeding to employment (see refunds, below)	770
Fees paid to assessors on Conciliation Councils	1,490
Legal and witnesses' expenses (see refunds, below)	150
Postage, telegrams, telephones, and rent of letter-boxes	2,380
Printing and stationery, office requisites, fuel, and lighting of offices	3,257
Purchase of standard weights and measures	192
Rent and rates of office accommodation	2,558
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	9,805
Upkeep of Departmental residence	77
Miscellaneous expenditure—	£
Court of Arbitration and Conciliation Councils	29
General	39
Weights and Measures Act	6
Unemployment Committee	673
Apprentices Conference	391
Library for Judge of Court of Arbitration	216
Expenses of his Honour Mr. Justice Frazer while visiting Australia	223
Inquiries regarding influence of temperature and humidity on working-conditions	50
Services of officers of Registrar-General's Branch, Internal Affairs Department	50
	1,677
	63,834
Less refunds—	
Fares	736
Legal and witnesses' expenses	98
Sale of publications	206
Travelling-expenses, &c., recovered from defendants in cases taken by Department and from persons to whom weights and measures services were rendered	1,535
From Government Statistician, for services of officers	210
Miscellaneous	64
	2,849
	£60,985

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 (£3,315), messenger services, cleaning &c.