

LEAD PROCESS REGULATIONS.

These regulations were issued in 1925 to protect workers from the danger of lead poisoning in factories where lead paints are manufactured or prepared, and also in places where painting operations are carried on. No complaints regarding non-compliance with the regulations have been received during the year, and only one case of suspected lead poisoning was reported. The worker concerned was suspended from his employment for a fortnight.

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. A number of complaints were received during the year, but in only three instances was it found that a breach of the regulations had been committed. In one case the clothier concerned was advertising factory-made garments as “tailor-made” by means of hand-bills, and prompt action by the Inspector resulted in the discontinuance of the advertisement, before any appreciable number of the bills had been distributed. In the remaining two cases letters of warning were sent to the firms concerned who were describing, by means of show-cards in the windows, suits made under factory conditions as suits “tailored” to measure.

EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

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Salaries and allowances, temporary clerical assistance, and agents' remuneration	33,230
Fares, board and lodging, &c., advanced to persons proceeding to employment (see refunds, below)	391
Fees paid to assessors on Conciliation Councils	395
Legal and witnesses' expenses (see refunds, below)	56
Postage, telegrams, telephones, and rent of letter-boxes	2,124
Printing, stationery, office requisites, equipment, heating and lighting of offices, advertising, &c.	2,479
Rent of office accommodation	2,285
Travelling allowances and expenses of Inspectors, including expenditure on bicycles, motor-cycles, and motor-cars, and maintenance thereof	2,069
Travelling allowances and expenses of members of Court of Arbitration (£2,218) and Conciliation Commissioners and assessors on Conciliation Councils (£658)	2,876
Miscellaneous expenditure	144
Services of officers of Registrar-General's Branch, Internal Affairs Department	50
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Less refunds	
Fares	364
Legal and witnesses' expenses	44
Sale of publications	205
Travelling-expenses, &c., recovered from defendants in cases taken by Department and from persons to whom weights and measures services were rendered	1,544
From Government Statistician, for services of officers.. ..	210
Miscellaneous	197
From Unemployment Fund for services, &c... ..	10,677
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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, messenger services, cleaning, &c.