

(except Marlborough) Bakers and Pastrycooks and their Labourers' award (38 Awards 2049), which provides "penalty rates" for time worked prior to a specified hour (clause 2 (d)), became part of a worker's "ordinary pay" and were to be included in assessing his holiday pay. The extent of the general application of the principle of this decision is a matter on which there is some doubt, and a further clarification of the meaning of "ordinary pay" may have to come from the Courts.

In the Court of Arbitration, in *Inspector of Awards v. A. M. Bisley and Co., Ltd.* (46 Awards 961), it was held that where a worker was absent from his employment for a period of five months through sickness the contract of service was terminated in law by the worker's long illness, and that the Annual Holidays Act had application only to those periods during which the relationship of master and servant continued.

The following table shows the number of holiday cards surrendered and the amount paid out by the Post and Telegraph Department up to 31st March, 1947 :—

Period.				Number of Transactions during Period.	Amount paid out during Period.		
1946					£	s.	d.
April	..	..	..	2,066	3,317	13	2
May	..	..	..	2,405	3,599	7	6
June	..	..	..	1,828	2,811	13	5
July	..	..	..	2,065	3,098	4	8
August	..	..	..	2,789	4,879	3	1
September	..	..	..	2,736	4,651	5	10
October	..	..	..	2,823	4,639	5	10
November	..	..	..	2,694	4,614	8	0
December	..	..	..	4,015	6,434	3	2
1947							
January	..	..	..	4,103	5,977	6	6
February	..	..	..	3,316	4,886	6	0
March	..	..	..	3,137	4,625	0	9
Totals for year ending 31st March, 1947				33,977	53,533	17	11
From 1st August, 1945, to 31st March, 1946				23,899	42,078	5	0
Totals to 31st March, 1947				57,876	£95,612	2	11

Reference to Section 18 will show the enforcement action that was taken during the year.

SECTION 14.—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1925

(1) VERIFICATION

Weights, measures and weighing and measuring instruments in use for trade purposes require to be verified in terms of the regulations under this Act. The following table shows the work carried out :—

Article.	1945-46.		1946-47.	
	Submitted.	Rejected or adjusted.	Submitted	Rejected or adjusted.
Weights	27,180	5,298	35,340	7,685
Measures	3,080	98	4,799	125
Weighing-instruments	17,706	2,077	23,786	3,065
Measuring-instruments	2,216	405	3,999	880
Milk and oil bottles	2,150,160	26,760	2,337,259	46,075