

The following total shows the number of unions and members in both employers' and workers' unions from December, 1904, to December, 1910, inclusive :—

	Unions of Employers.		Unions of Workers.	
	Number of Unions.	Number of Members.	Number of Unions.	Number of Members.
December, 1903	103	3,080	258	27,640
.. 1904	109	3,292	273	30,271
.. 1905	113	3,276	261	29,869
.. 1906	109	3,337	274	34,978
.. 1907	121	3,630	310	45,614
.. 1908	122	3,918	325	49,347
.. 1909	120	3,702	308	54,519
.. 1910	118	4,262	308	57,091

It will be seen that there has been an increase of 560 members in employers' unions and 2,572 in workers' unions over 1909. The actual number of unions on the register has remained stationary in regard to workers, and there has been a decrease of two in regard to employers.

The roll of membership of industrial unions of workers has increased by 22,130 members during the last five years.

In the following table the workers' unions are shown in trade groups, with their respective percentages of increases during the period of eight years from 1903 to 1910 :—

Trade.	1903.	1909.	1910.	Increase per Cent. over Figures for 1903.
Agriculture	1,235	3,454	4,142	235.4
Building	3,717	6,252	6,857	84.2
Clothing and textile	3,158	4,319	4,717	49.4
Engineering and shipbuilding	1,441	3,059	3,383	134.8
Food	2,297	6,473	7,357	220.3
Mining	4,145	5,093	4,689	13.1
Printing	708	1,151	1,163	64.2
Transport	7,749	16,246	17,104	120.8
Other trades	3,190	8,472	7,679	140.7
Totals	27,640	54,519	57,091	..
Increase of unionists	..	..	29,451	106.6

For the purpose of comparison I have also shown the totals for the year ending 31st December, 1909. It will be seen on reference to the table that the whole of the groups show an increase, with the exception of the mining trade and "other trades" not specified. In the case of the miners there has been a decrease of 404 members, and in the case of "other trades" a decrease of 793 since 1909.

The work in connection with the registration of industrial unions continues to be fairly regular. For the year just ended, 24 workers' unions (with 521 members) and 6 employers' unions (with 359 members) were registered, whilst 7 workers' unions and 3 employers' unions voluntarily cancelled registration. Six associations of workers were also registered during the period. The provisions of the Act permitting of the amalgamation of unions in the one industry was responsible for the cancellation of 4 unions, which amalgamated and re-registered under one name.

Eleven workers' unions, 7 employers' unions, and 1 association of workers were cancelled as being defunct, having failed to send in returns according to section 17 of the Act.

Under the amendment passed last session 3 workers' unions availed themselves of the power of altering their titles. This promises to be a very useful provision as, on a very simple procedure, unions can more clearly indicate their scope in their titles without having to cancel their registration as was the case prior to the Amendment coming into force.

Forty-one complete and 42 partial amendments of rules were accepted during the period.

Arbitration Court, &c.

For the six years, 1906-11, awards have been made by the Arbitration Court, as follows :—

Year.	Number.	Year.	Number.
1906	52	1909	88
1907	59	1910	89
1908	98	1910-11	74

a total of 460 for the period.