

to the satisfaction of the Court, were also dismissed. Full reports of the dismissed cases are given in the official Book of Awards, Agreements, &c., made under the Act. In the Arbitration Court cases the Department was successful in ten instances, whilst three were dismissed. In the Magistrates' Court 499 were successful and fifty-two were dismissed, whilst one is incomplete. In regard to the number of cases dismissed, it should be explained that many of them were debatable or technical, and were therefore mostly in the nature of "test" cases; in fact, it might be said that the number of deliberate breaches is much fewer than formerly. The fines ordered in the Arbitration Court amounted to £73, in the Magistrates' Court £853 11s. The fines in the cases taken by unions amounted to £20 (in the Magistrates' Court). The following is a table showing in detail the cases taken under the Act during the period:—

Cases taken by Department (shown in Districts) for enforcement of Awards, &c.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

District.							Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Total.
Northern ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Total cases taken by Department ..							9	2	11

Fines £13

MAGISTRATES' COURT.

District.							Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Total.
Northern ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	142	5	147
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	139	18	157
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Nelson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Canterbury ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	9	69
Otago and Southland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	6	49
Total cases taken by Department ..							390*†	38†	429†

Cases taken by Unions (in Magistrates' Court).

Northern ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Wellington ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4
Total cases taken by unions ..							3	4	7
Grand totals ..							393	42	436

Fines—

Departmental cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.
Union cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	555	17	0
							20	0	0

* In two cases the Department appealed to the Arbitration Court, which upheld the appeals in both cases; in two cases defendants appealed and both were dismissed; in two other instances appeals are pending.

† Four cases were referred to the Arbitration Court, in two of which the Court held that no breaches had occurred, in one that an offence had been committed, whilst one case is incomplete.