

Councils; in ten cases partial settlements were arrived at; in two instances the whole dispute was referred to the Court for adjustment; and in nine disputes the parties succeeded in arranging terms of settlement without reference to a Council of Conciliation.

Notwithstanding the fact that many of the unions working under awards and industrial agreements in the districts of Wellington, Marlborough, and Westland were strongly urged to participate in the late strike, it is satisfactory to report that out of 113 registered unions operating in the districts only three became involved in the trouble.

I would again respectfully suggest that, with a view of facilitating the settlement of Dominion disputes, machinery should be provided in the Act for the setting-up of Conciliation Councils having jurisdiction over more than one industrial district; also that the parties in different districts or localities may have adequate representation, and the opportunity of meeting in one centre, to arrange the dispute, instead of, as at present, having to meet at various centres and with different assessors for each district; further, that the Court should have power under certain conditions to extend the present limit of the term of awards to five years.

List of Disputes.

Napier Fishermen (s.s. "Beatrice").	Paparoa Coal-miners.
Wellington Slaughtermen (old union).	Blackball Coal-miners.
Wellington General Labourers.	State Coal-miners.
Wellington Saddlers.	Wellington Tally Clerks.
Palmerston North Saddlers.	Merchant Service Guild (Masters).
Wanganui Saddlers.	Merchant Service Guild (Mates).
Napier Fishermen (s.s. "Nora Niven" and "Countess").	Wellington Dairy Employees.
Napier Saddlers.	Wellington Shipwrights.
Wellington Marine Engineers (No. 2).	Wellington Tramways.
Westland Furniture Trade.	Palmerston North Painters.
Wellington Hotel Employees.	Wellington Stage Employees.
New Plymouth Furniture Trade.	Westland Engine-drivers.
Inangahua Miners.	Puponga Miners.
Wanganui Painters.	Palmerston North Carpenters.
Wellington Painters.	Wellington Power-house Employees.
Wellington Hairdressers.	Wellington Pullers.
Nelson Furniture Trade.	Wanganui Gas Employees.
Wellington Coachbuilders.	Westport Labourers.
Wanganui Coachbuilders.	Marlborough Slaughtermen.
Palmerston North Coachbuilders.	Napier Gas Employees.
Napier Coachbuilders.	Pakipaki Slaughtermen.
Masterton Coachbuilders.	Wellington Fire Brigade.
Wellington Carpenters.	Longburn Slaughtermen.
Wairarapa Butchers.	Wanganui Slaughtermen.
Wellington Jewellers.	Napier Trawlers (s.s. "Energy").
Wellington Iron-workers' Assistants.	Wellington Sausage-casing Makers.
Wellington Boilermakers.	Wakatu Sausage-casing Makers.
	Masterton Slaughtermen.

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P. HALLY,

The Secretary of Labour, Wellington.

Conciliation Commissioner.

CANTERBURY AND OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.

SIR,—

Conciliation Commissioner's Office, Christchurch, 27th April, 1914.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of the Right Hon. the Minister, the following report on the conciliation provisions of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act in the above districts during the year.

During the period mentioned sixty-four industrial matters have been dealt with by Conciliation Councils; thirty-six full settlements were arrived at; ten settlements were partially made; and in eighteen instances no settlements were made; in an additional six instances industrial agreements were arrived at without the appointment of assessors: total, seventy.

List of Disputes.

Canterbury Biscuit-bakers and Confectioners.	Dunedin General Carriers and Coal-merchants' Labourers.
Dunedin and Suburban Farriers.	Otago Metal-workers' Assistants.
Invercargill Fellmongers and Tanners.	Christchurch Operative Bootmakers.
Southland and Otago Cheese-factory Managers.	Canterbury Printers' Machinists and Bookbinders.