

Disputes dealt with under the Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913, from its Inception to 31st March, 1919.

Date.	District.	Industry affected.	Nature of Dispute.	Action taken.	Ballot of Workers.	Nature of Settlement.	Reference.
January, 1917	Auckland	Freezing-works ..	Claim for increase in rates of wages	The chamber hands at Southdown, Westfield, and Horotiu, failing to agree with their employers for improved conditions of employment, ceased work. The matter was referred to a Labour Dispute Committee, with Mr. J. H. Gunson as Chairman. After being idle ten days the workers agreed to return to work and to accept the decision of the Committee as binding. The men (numbering thirty-seven) were prosecuted and fined for ceasing work instead of first having their case investigated.	Not required	The settlement was embodied in an industrial agreement under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908	Vol. xviii, p. 279.
April, 1918 ..	Auckland	Tramway workers	Proposals for new agreement refused by employers	The union cancelled registration under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and filed dispute under the Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913. A conference proved abortive. A Labour Dispute Committee was then set up, with Hon. G. Fowlds as Chairman, which also failed to effect a settlement. A second Committee finally arrived at a satisfactory conclusion.	Not required	Agreement arrived at, and filed under section 8 (1) of the Labour Disputes Investigation Act	Vol. xix, p. 531.
October, 1918	Auckland	Gas employees ..	Claim for increased wages and better working-conditions	Conference called by the Conciliation Commissioner proved abortive. A Labour Dispute Committee was then set up, with Mr. E. C. Cutten, S.M., acting as Chairman. The Committee was successful in effecting a settlement	Not required	Embodied in an agreement, and filed under section 8 (1) of the Labour Disputes Investigation Act	Vol. xx, p. 13.
October, 1918	Dunedin ..	Tramway workers	Proposals for new agreement refused by employers	The union cancelled registration under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and filed dispute under Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913. A conference called by the Conciliation Commissioner was without result, and a Labour Dispute Committee was then set up under Chairmanship of Mr. W. R. Brugh, which submitted proposals to the representatives of both sides. No settlement being arrived at within the required time, the proposals were published, and a ballot was taken favouring a strike. A "go-slow" policy was adopted, but a subsequent conference resulted in a settlement	Ballot taken favouring strike	Agreement arrived at, and filed under section 8 (1) of the Labour Disputes Investigation Act	Vol. xx, pp. 182, 338, 768.
January, 1919	Westland	Timber-workers..	Wages and other conditions of employment	Dispute referred to a conference under the Conciliation Commissioner, and settlement reached	Not required	The settlement was embodied in an industrial agreement under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908	Vol. xx, p. 304.
February, 1919	Whakatane	Abattoir assistants	Claim for increased wages and better working-conditions	A conference called by Conciliation Commissioner	Not required	Conference resulted in agreement, which was filed under section 8 (1) of the Labour Disputes Investigation Act	Vol. xx, p. 155.
March, 1919 ..	Northern ..	Ferry employees	Wages and other conditions of employment	A conference having failed to effect a settlement, the dispute was referred to a Labour Dispute Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. E. C. Cutten, S.M., and a settlement arrived at	Not required	The settlement was embodied in an agreement, which was filed under section 8 (1) of the Labour Disputes Investigation Act	Vol. xx, p. 460.