

TAILORING TRADE REGULATIONS.

These regulations were gazetted in 1925 to prevent the misuse of such expressions as “tailor-made” and “hand-made” as applied to garments made to measure, some of which are made partly by machine process.

During the year five complaints of alleged breaches of the regulations were received. In only one case, however, was there evidence of a breach of the regulations. In this case the complainant was unwilling to give evidence in the Court, and the matter was therefore not proceeded with.

STAFF NOTES.

The staff of the Department totals 135, and is composed of—Head Office: Administration, 5; clerical, 17. District offices: Inspection, 60; clerical, 46. Conciliation Commissioners, 2; Court of Arbitration (members of staff), 5. In addition, about 180 persons act as part-time agents in the small towns.

EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

Salaries, temporary clerical assistance, allowance to officers performing higher duties, and allowance to police and other officers acting as departmental agents	£ 39,523
Advertising and publications	435
Fares, board and lodging, &c., advanced to persons proceeding to employment (see refunds, below)	472
Fees paid to assessors of Conciliation Councils	938
Legal and witnesses' expenses (see refunds, below)	109
Postage, telegrams, telephones, and rent of letter-boxes	2,247
Printing and stationery	2,217
Purchase of standard weights and measures	137
Office requisites, fuel and lighting	1,272
Rent and rates on office accommodation	1,609
Travelling allowances and expenses of Inspectors, members of Court of Arbitration, Conciliation Commissioners, assessors on Conciliation Councils, &c., bicycles, motor-cycles, and motor-cars, and maintenance thereof	9,171
Upkeep of departmental residence	20
Miscellaneous expenditure—	
Arbitration Court and Conciliation Councils	39
General	222
Weights and Measures Act	119
	— 380
	58,530
Less refunds—	
Fares	401
Legal and witnesses' expenses	69
Sale of publications	221
Travelling expenses, &c., recovered from defendants in cases taken by Department and from persons to whom weights and measures services were rendered	898
From Government Statistician, for services of officers	210
Miscellaneous	251
	— 2,050
	£56,480

The above figures do not include a number of items for which provision for payment is made elsewhere than in the Department's vote—viz., salaries of Judge and members of Court of Arbitration (£3,500), messenger services, cleaning, &c.