

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Rottnest Employer Fined.

In the Fremantle Industrial Court yesterday, before Mr. H. J. Craig, S.M., Henry John Rex, of the Rottnest Hostel, was fined amounts totalling £1/5/, with 13/6 costs, for four breaches of Award No. 15 of 1928. The breaches were admitted.

The Hotel, Club, Caterers, Tearoom and Restaurant Employees' Union, Perth, proceeded against Rex for having failed to keep a time and wages book at Rottnest Island between September 1 and September 19, 1937, in accordance with clause 24 of the award. A fine of 10/, with 3/ costs, was imposed. The following charges, on each of which he was fined 5/, with 3/6 costs, were laid against Rex by Charles John Cooke, industrial inspector:—At Rottnest Island on October 23, 1937, failed to exhibit a roster concerning his employees, James Ruland and Alice Ann Tucker for the week ended October 30, contrary to clause 16; at Rottnest Island during the week ended October 16, 1937, employed Alice Ann Tucker, waitress, for a longer period than 48 hours, contrary to clause 3; at Rottnest Island during the week ended October 16, 1937, employed James Ruland as a cook and failed to allow him one full day off during that week, contrary to clause 11.

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Rex, said that defendant had considered that he was beyond the limit of 20 miles from the General Post Office, Perth, outside which the award did not operate. He had kept a wages book but not a time book. The staff had been paid at slightly higher rates than those obtaining under the award, and as far as time off was concerned had worked under a "give-and-take" system.
