

**SCHEDULE OF IMPERFECT VOUCHERS PASSED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE, UNDER  
AUTHORITY OF SECTIONS 73 AND 75, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926—continued.**

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>National Service.</b>			
Wages .. .. .	Vouchers lost .. .. .	98 14 0	98 14 0
<b>Native.</b>			
Fees .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	1 1 0	
Freight charges .. .. .	Receipts unobtainable .. .. .	3 9 5	
Imprest payments .. .. .	Vouchers lost .. .. .	109 16 5	
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	2 4 0	
Wages .. .. .	Vouchers lost .. .. .	12 11 9	129 2 7
<b>Navy.</b>			
Imprest payments .. .. .	Vouchers lost .. .. .	91 14 2	
Telephone rental .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	7 10 0	
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	1 10 6	100 14 8
<b>Printing and Stationery.</b>			
Freight charges .. .. .	Receipts unobtainable .. .. .	10 7 11	10 7 11
<b>Public Works.</b>			
Bureau charges .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	1 5 1	
Charter Party expenses .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	83 4 2	
Court costs .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	47 5 5	
Freight charges .. .. .	Receipts unobtainable .. .. .	96 10 4	
Land compensation .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	368 7 0	
Purchase of publications .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	1 4 6	
Purchase of stores .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	197 9 11	
Rates .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	24 11 11	
Renovations .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	945 0 8	
Subsidies .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	245 3 6	
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	9 17 6	2,020 0 0
<b>Railways.</b>			
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	Receipt not obtained .. .. .	0 6 0	0 6 0
<b>Scientific and Industrial Research.</b>			
Purchase of publications .. .. .	Vouchers lost .. .. .	3 18 0	
Purchase of stores .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	0 4 9	4 2 9
<b>Social Security Fund.</b>			
Benefit payment .. .. .	Receipt unobtainable .. .. .	0 16 0	
Medical fees .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	3 3 0	3 19 0
<b>State Forests Account.</b>			
Unclaimed earnings .. .. .	Voucher lost .. .. .	4 19 0	4 19 0
<b>Transport.</b>			
Bureau charges .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	6 15 8	
Petty expenses Queen Carnival procession .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	1 5 4	
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	3 13 2	11 14 2
<b>Treasury.</b>			
Bureau charges .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	6 4 6	
Expenses of French nationals .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	143 7 8	
Telegraphic remittances .. .. .	Receipts unobtainable .. .. .	9,761 18 7	
Travelling-expenses .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	18 11 9	
Travelling-expenses of Washington delegation .. .. .	Receipts not obtained .. .. .	305 6 5	10,235 8 11
			£14,836 9 8

**(e) PROCEEDINGS TAKEN AGAINST DEFAULTERS AND OTHERS.**

Particulars of cases in which proceedings have been taken in pursuance of section 69 of the Public Revenues Act are included in the Statement under paragraph (c) hereof.

The Audit Office is required by the above-mentioned section to take all such steps as it thinks fit to prosecute according to law all defaulters in respect of any public moneys or stores, but the section does not prevent prosecutions in like cases by persons other than the Audit Office. The statement under paragraph (c) includes, therefore, prosecutions which were instituted by the Departments concerned as well as by the Audit Office.

**(f) SURCHARGES.**

Section 69 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, provides that the Controller and Auditor-General shall surcharge the person responsible wherever it appears to the Audit Office that public moneys or stores have been lost through the default, neglect, fraud, or error of any servant of the Crown.

In the past year it was found necessary to surcharge six officers, five of the surcharges being in respect of loss of cash,