

*Post and Telegraph Department.*

James Murray, a Post Office official at Timaru, pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to account for the sum of £65 12s., and was admitted by the Supreme Court to probation for three years. The costs of the trial were paid, and restitution made to the Savings-bank depositor who had made the lodgment. Murray was dismissed from the Service.

J. H. Love, Postmaster, Tokaanu, who was, on the 21st May, 1923, suspended on account of a deficiency in his cash of £375, was found guilty at the Supreme Court, Hamilton, on two charges of forgery and one of theft of £200, and was sentenced to two years' reformatory detention. He also pleaded guilty to the theft of £250 and £125 respectively, and was similarly dealt with, the sentences being concurrent. Restitution was made of £375, and the remaining £300 is being written off through the Post Office Savings-bank Profit and Loss Account. Love was dismissed from the Service.

M. M. Holland, cadet, Darfield, pleaded guilty at the Magistrate's Court, Christchurch, to charges of theft of postal packets, and was sentenced by the Supreme Court to eighteen months' reformatory detention. Dismissed from the Service.

Edward Bryan Carter, cadet, Hammer Springs, pleaded guilty to the theft of Post Office Savings-bank deposits amounting to £65 10s., and other Government moneys, in all totalling £80 10s. He was sentenced at the Supreme Court to twelve months' reformatory treatment. Restitution was made to the extent of £15, which has been applied to making good the revenue lost, leaving £65 10s. to be written off through the Post Office Savings-bank Profit and Loss Account. Dismissed from the Service.

L. R. A. Reilly, cadet, Te Kuiti, pleaded guilty in the Supreme Court at Hamilton to a charge of stealing £3 2s. 1d., the property of the Postmaster-General. The Court placed him on probation for a period of two years, and ordered him to pay the costs of the prosecution in instalments of £1 per month. He was dismissed from the Service. The loss of revenue will be made good by provision on the estimates.

Norman Lindsey was arrested for failing to account for Savings-bank deposits totalling £152 lodged at the Whatatutu Post-office. He was not an officer of the Post and Telegraph Department, but an employee of the non-permanent Postmaster at Whatatutu, who before Court proceedings were taken made good to the Department the amount stolen, together with interest. Lindsey was placed on probation for three years, and ordered to make restitution within one month.

William Roy Bennett, cadet in the Post and Telegraph Department, Geraldine, pleaded guilty to a charge of theft of £40 from the official cash, and awaits sentence by the Supreme Court. Restitution has been made. Dismissed from the Service.

Harold Edward Banks, Postmaster, Ohakune Junction, pleaded guilty to nine charges of misappropriation of money paid into the Post Office by various depositors, the total deficiency being £235 7s. 11d. In the Supreme Court he was sentenced to three years' reformatory treatment. The Savings-bank moneys stolen, totalling £102, are being written off through the Savings-bank Profit and Loss Account, and the remainder will be made good by means of an item provided on the estimates. Dismissed from the Service.

Honi Eric Day, a postal officer, pleaded guilty to four charges of stealing postal packets while employed at the Sefton Post-office. At the Supreme Court he was ordered reformatory treatment for five years. He was dismissed from the Service.

Alexander Linton, a clerk in the Post-office Savings-bank at Auckland, was, on the 15th April, 1924, charged in the Magistrate's Court with theft by forgery of an amount of £190 from a Savings-bank account at the Auckland Office. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced in the Supreme Court to two years' reformatory detention. Dismissed from the Service.

Arthur Redvers Wilkins, postal officer, was charged in the Magistrate's Court with having stolen a £1 note, the property of the Government. He pleaded guilty, and at the Supreme Court, Dunedin, was sentenced to twelve months' reformatory treatment. Restitution was made. Dismissed from the Service.

William Edward Kemp, a postal officer at Waiuku, pleaded guilty to the theft of various amounts at the Waiuku Post-office, totalling £14 17s. He was sentenced to detention for reformatory treatment for a period not exceeding two years. Restitution was made. Dismissed from the Service.

Harold George Allan, a postal officer at Waiuku, pleaded not guilty in regard to twenty charges preferred against him alleging theft, fraud, and concealment of documents, the sum of £85 10s. 4d. being involved. He was found guilty on four charges and sentenced to two years' reformatory detention. The loss will require to be written off by authority of Parliament. Dismissed from the Service.

Alexander Anderson, an exchange clerk at Alexandra, pleaded guilty to the theft of £15 from one of the cash-drawers at that office. At the Supreme Court he was sentenced to twelve months' reformatory treatment. Dismissed from the Service.

J. T. F. Howarth, an officer employed by the Post and Telegraph Department at Tuakau, pleaded guilty to theft of £70, representing Savings-bank deposits, and £97 9s. 4d., representing moneys lodged to the credit of the State Advances Department, and awaits sentence by the Supreme Court. The authority of Parliament will be required to adjust these losses. Dismissed from the Service.

P. R. Sutherland, clerk, Stores Branch, Post and Telegraph Department, was arrested on the 21st June, 1924, on a charge of forging and cashing a voucher for £20 19s. 4d., purporting to be a claim for freight on behalf of a Wellington firm. He pleaded guilty and was admitted by the Supreme Court to two years' probation. Restitution has been promised. Dismissed from the Service.