

Section 89 (2) (c), Public Revenues Act, 1926.

STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES.

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
<i>Customs Department.</i>		
Theft and forgery by licensed Customs Agent (b)	£ s. d. 252 3 5	Offender convicted on four charges under the Customs Act, 1908, and fined on each £25 and costs. Restitution made.
<i>Defence Department.</i>		
Theft and false pretences by officer of the Department (five charges)	80 2 11	Offender sentenced to three months' reformatory detention on two charges (sentences to be cumulative), and to three months on each of the other three charges (sentences to be concurrent with those on the first two charges). Restitution made. Dismissed.
<i>Health Department.</i>		
Theft by boys of articles from school dental clinic (b)	..	Some articles recovered, others replaced by parents of children.
<i>Immigration Department.</i>		
Theft of registered letter by officer of the Department	2 15 0	Offender admitted to probation for one year and ordered to make restitution. Dismissed.
<i>Justice Department.</i>		
Failure by departmental officer to account for fees, &c., collected in Magistrate's Court	161 12 5	Offender admitted to probation for three years and ordered to refund £75. Dismissed. Loss, £86 12s. 5d. (a).
Theft by departmental officer of moneys of Supreme Court	220 0 6	Offender sentenced to three years' reformatory detention. Dismissed. Loss, £220 0s. 6d. (a).
Theft by departmental officer of moneys of Magistrate's Court	88 14 10	Offender admitted to probation for three years; also ordered to make restitution and pay costs.
Theft by departmental officer of moneys of Magistrate's Court	7 7 0	Offender admitted to probation for two years and ordered to make restitution within three months.
Failure by departmental officer to account for moneys received in Magistrate's Court.	20 0 0	Matter placed in hands of police.
<i>Lands and Survey Department.</i>		
Theft of two cases of motor-spirit by persons undetected (b)	..	Offenders could not be traced by police (a).
<i>New Zealand Government Railways Department.</i>		
Theft by burglars who broke into Remuera Railway-station	42 1 6	Police investigated but obtained no clue. Two cheques were returned through the post, leaving £11 10s. 3d. as the loss to the Department (a).
Peculations by cadet in Parcels Office ..	2 12 0	Restitution has been made. Officer dismissed from the Service.
Theft by burglars who broke into Mount Eden Railway-station	5 15 2	Police investigated but obtained no clue. Loss to the Department, £5 15s. 2d. (a).
Theft by burglars who broke into Avondale Railway-station	2 10 11	Police investigated but obtained no clue. Loss to the Department, £2 10s. 11d. (a).
Peculations by clerk in Parcels Office ..	2 13 1	Matter placed in hands of police. Officer dismissed from the Service. Restitution made.
Peculation by clerk in Goods Office ..	1 18 4	Matter placed in hands of police. Officer dismissed from the Service. Restitution has been made.
Peculations by clerk in Goods Office ..	23 9 8	Convicted and admitted to probation for two years. Offender made restitution. Dismissed.
Theft by burglars who broke into Railway Refreshment-room, Patea	0 5 0	Matter placed in hands of police (a).
Theft by burglars who broke into Levin and Pahiatua Railway-stations	83 17 8	Offenders convicted and sentenced to five years' hard labour. Loss, £83 17s. 8d. (a).
Theft by burglars who broke into Linton Railway-station	1 16 0	Matter placed in hands of police (a).
Theft by clerk of departmental moneys consisting of collections for cash sales of timber	374 11 11	Offender convicted and placed on probation for two years. Dismissed. All cheques and £5 9s. 3d. in cash recovered. Restitution made in respect of balance.
Theft and forgery by clerks in Maintenance Branch	7,751 9 6	Two offenders were each sentenced to four years' imprisonment on eight counts of theft and seven counts of forgery, the sentences to be concurrent. Loss, £7,717 15s. 1d. (a).
Acceptance by employee of stolen moneys the property of Railways Department	33 14 5	Offender admitted to probation for two years and ordered to make restitution.
Misappropriations by clerk in Maintenance Branch	126 3 11	Matter placed in hands of police.
Overpayments of £1 9s. 9d. and £1 9s. 11d. in pay-sheets	2 19 8	Matter under consideration by Railway Board.
<i>Prisons Department.</i>		
Theft by departmental officer of salaries, imprest-moneys, &c.	99 4 9	Offender sentenced to two years' reformatory detention. Loss to State, £99 4s. 9d. (a).

(a) Amount requires to be written off with parliamentary authority under section 3 (3), Public Revenues Act, 1926.

(b) Offender was not employed in any State Department.