

STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES—continued.

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Post and Telegraph Department—continued.		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS—continued.		
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Theft of postal packets and departmental moneys	66 10 4	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour. No loss to Department.
Theft of departmental moneys	393 12 4	Offender sentenced to three years' Borstal detention. It is anticipated that recovery of the sum of £193 8s. 6d. will be effected.
Theft of departmental moneys	60 0 9	Offender pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for two years. Restitution made.
Theft of postal packets	17 16 6	Offender made restitution, and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.
Theft of departmental moneys	0 10 0	Police decided not to prosecute. Offender left the Service.
Theft of postal packets	8 2 6	Offender, who pleaded guilty, was admitted to probation for three years. Restitution was made.
Theft of departmental moneys	20 0 0	Offender was acquitted by the jury and discharged. He was dismissed from the Service. Restitution made.
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Theft of postal packets and unlawfully opening mail-bag	4 11 2	Offender was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. Loss to Department, £3 0s. 9d.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	35 0 0	Police investigation failed to disclose offender's identity.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account, forgery, and uttering	29 5 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment to be followed by two years' reformatory detention.
Theft of cash by burglar	4 3 8	Police investigated matter without result.
Theft of cash and stamps by burglars	176 6 7	Two of the offenders were sentenced to five years' reformatory detention, and the third offender to three years. Loss to Department, £25 3s. 4d.
Theft of cash by burglar	5 13 7	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of postal packets	Offender was placed on probation for four years. No loss to Department.
Theft of safe containing cash, stamps, &c., by burglars	165 9 0	Each of the offenders was sentenced to three years' hard labour. Loss to Department, £27 16s. 7d.
Loss of registered letter	0 18 0	Matter investigated without success.
Theft of cash by burglar	36 16 2	Police unable to trace the perpetrator.
Theft of postal notes and cash by burglar	4 6 6	Offender was ordered to be detained in a Borstal institution for two years. Loss to Department, £4 1s. 4d.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	7 0 0	Police investigation unsuccessful.
Theft of motor-spirit from bowser	4 18 4	Investigation by police failed to disclose identity of offender.
Theft of cash by burglar	2 13 0	Matter investigated by police without result.
Theft of stamps, cash, &c., by burglar	86 4 2	Police investigation unsuccessful. Loss to Department, £70 8s. 2d.
Theft of postal notes	12 18 2	Police unable to identify offender. No loss to Department.
Theft of cash by burglar	17 12 8	Police investigated matter without result.
Theft of cash by burglar	150 17 11	Matter investigated by police without result.
Fraudulent withdrawals from savings-bank account	15 0 0	Offender sentenced to two months' imprisonment on a charge of false pretences and six months on two forgery charges. Loss to Department, £15.
Erroneous entry in savings-bank pass-book ..	10 0 0	No action taken. Officer responsible left the Service.
Thefts from various stamp-vending machines and public call offices	26 17 3	As a result of police investigation seven offenders were sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment.
Public Trust Office.		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Misappropriation of moneys	1,413 8 7	Of this amount £1,019 13s. 7d. was stolen from the funds of the New Zealand Times Company, Ltd. (in liquidation), and £393 15s. from Public Trust Office funds. Offender was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.
Public Works Department.		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Theft of moneys by fraudulent alteration of cheque	48 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was committed to the Supreme Court for sentence.
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Theft of cash from District Office, Murupara, by burglars	1,973 11 5	Police investigated matter. £882 17s. 9d. recovered. Loss to Department, £1,090 13s. 8d.
State Forest Service.		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Theft of departmental moneys	41 10 8	Offender, who pleaded guilty, was ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months, and was ordered to pay costs of prosecution. Restitution made.