

STATEMENT—continued.

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
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Post and Telegraph Department—continued.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS—continued.

	£	s.	d.	
Fraudulent withdrawal from Post Office Savings-bank	3	10	0	Offender ordered to make restitution and to come up for sentence if called upon.
Theft of cash	4	0	9	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	10	10	0	Police investigations proceeding.
Theft of cash, postal notes, and stamps ..	36	17	7	Two offenders were placed on probation for five years and each ordered to pay £30, being costs (£1 18s. 9d.) and damages and restitution (£28 1s. 3d.). A third offender was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.
Theft of cash	8	17	10	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Fraudulent issue of money-order telegram ..	10	0	0	Departmental inquiries unsuccessful. Loss to Department, £10.
Theft of tools	Not stated			Police investigations unsuccessful.

Public Trust Office.

IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.

Theft of cash	350	0	0	Offender deceased. Loss to Department, £350.
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Public Works Department.

IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.

Misappropriation of— Public moneys	593	3	11	} Offender sentenced to one year and nine months' imprisonment.
Employees' wages	474	19	5	

Railways Department.

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Theft of cash	10	13	2	Police investigation unsuccessful. Officer in charge called upon to pay £10 13s. 2d.
Attempted fraudulent claim for board and lodging	7	0	0	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence within six months if called upon. No loss to Department.
Theft of cash	12	1	10	Offender admitted to probation for twelve months and ordered to make restitution. No loss to Department.
Theft of cash	1	0	0	Police prosecution proceeding.
Misappropriation of departmental moneys ..	2	15	0	Services dispensed with and police notified. Amount recovered.
Misappropriation of departmental moneys ..	0	15	3	Offender convicted, admitted to probation for twelve months, and ordered to make restitution.
Theft of cash	2	9	0	Police investigations unsuccessful.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Theft of cash	7	6	9	Police investigations unsuccessful. Amount made good by officer responsible. No loss to Department.
Theft of refreshment-room stocks	1	6	7	Offenders placed on probation for twelve months. Amount recovered.
Theft of cash	0	11	6	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	1	14	2	Police investigations unsuccessful.

Social Security Department.

IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.

Failure to account for departmental moneys..	2	5	0	Offender dismissed the Service. Restitution made.
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IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Theft of officer's salary	8	15	9	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of benefit-certificate and cash	2	0	0	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Two thousand three hundred and thirty-nine cases in which recipients of pensions, sustenance, age, and other benefits obtained payments in excess of scale rates by failing promptly to disclose material particulars of their circumstances to the Labour or Pensions Departments or to the Social Security Department. (NOTE.—The excess payments to many of the recipients were not all made during 1940–41, but include amounts received by them in previous years)	25,444	5	3	Proceedings were instituted in thirteen cases involving the sum of £263 0s. 8d., whereof thirteen convictions were entered, imprisonment and/or fines totalling £48 and costs, £3, were inflicted, and restitution of £177 8s. 7d. ordered by the Court. There were 2,326 other cases involving the sum of £25,176 4s. 7d. Except in a small percentage of cases where the beneficiaries are on active service, deceased, or in straitened circumstances refunds have been or are being obtained in all cases. In six cases penalties were imposed under section 7 (2) of the Social Security Act, 1938, and these amounted to £32 2s. 9d.