

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

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
<i>Post and Telegraph Department—continued.</i>		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS— <i>continued.</i>		
Theft by clerk of departmental moneys and savings-bank deposits	£ s. d. 18 9 8	Offender pleaded guilty and was admitted to one year's probation. Restitution was made of £4 9s. 8d. Later charged with theft of savings-bank deposits and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Loss to Department, £14. Dismissed from the Service.
Theft of postal packets by clerk	7 12 7	Offender was admitted to probation for a period of two years and ordered to make restitution. Dismissed from the Service.
Theft of postal packet by official	Offender pleaded guilty and was committed for sentence.
Theft of savings-bank deposits by clerk ..	20 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty to two charges, and was sentenced to two months' hard labour on each charge, sentences to be concurrent. The money has been restored. Loss to Department was only 1s. 4d. interest on deposits. Dismissed from the Service.
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Forging Post Office Savings-bank withdrawal-slip	104 7 6	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour, to be followed by two years' reformatory detention. Loss to Department, £104 7s. 6d.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	150 0 0	Matter placed in hands of police. Perpetrator not apprehended. Loss to Department, £150.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	44 0 0	Offender sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour. Loss to Department, £44.
Theft of cash and two mail-bags	4 16 6	Offender sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour for the theft of mail-bags and to three months' imprisonment for theft of money, the sentences to be concurrent. Loss to Department £4 16s. 6d.
Theft of mail-bags from Post Office	Matter was investigated by police without result. No loss of cash.
Forgery of receipts on voucher	10 0 0	Offender placed on probation for one year and ordered to repay amount wrongly obtained, £10, to the rightful payee; and to pay costs, £2 1s.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	25 0 0	Matter was investigated by police without result. The officer who handled the transaction was called upon to make good £5. The loss to Department is £20.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	45 10 0	Offender was sentenced to two years' reformatory detention. Loss to Department, £45 10s.
Thefts from street posting-boxes	Offenders (three) were found guilty on numerous charges of breaking, entering, and theft. One was sentenced to five years' hard labour, the others to detention in a Borstal Institution for three years and two years respectively. No loss to Department resulted.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account by brother of depositor	136 0 6	Both depositor and the offender are deceased. No loss will be sustained by the Department.
Theft of material from a departmental yard ..	85 0 0	Matter investigated by the police without result. Loss to Department, £85.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	20 0 0	Matter placed in hands of police. Loss to Department, £20.
<i>Public Trust Office.</i>		
IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Failure to account promptly for moneys received, £29 9s. 4d.	29 9 4	Police decided not to prosecute. No loss resulted. Officer dismissed from the Service.
<i>Tourist and Health Resorts Department.</i>		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Theft of stores from main bath-building, Rotorua	1 5 0	Matter placed in hands of police. Loss to Department, £1 5s.
Theft of drum of motor-spirit from petrol-shed	Matter placed in hands of police. Inquiries not yet completed.