

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 PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS—continued.		
	£ s. d.	
Thefts from public call offices and stamp-vending machines	25 5 2	Police investigations unsuccessful except in three cases in which the offenders were convicted and sentenced—(a) Two months' imprisonment with hard labour; (b) three months' imprisonment; (c) ordered to be detained in a Borstal institution for a period not exceeding two years.
Forgery of authority to collect mail	1 16 5	Offender convicted and sentenced to nine months' hard labour. No loss to Department.
Theft of money by burglars	5 16 11	Police investigation unsuccessful.
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Theft of money and stamps by burglars	43 16 9	Case against three suspects dismissed on account of lack of evidence.

Public Works Department.

IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.

Misappropriation of departmental moneys	6 15 0	Convicted and admitted to two years' probation. Restitution ordered and Police costs to be paid.
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Railways Department.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Forged bank-note	1 0 0	Inquiries unsuccessful.
Theft of bag containing departmental moneys	108 10 9	Police inquiries unsuccessful.

State Advances Department.

IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.

Advance obtained by false pretence	50 0 0	Case dismissed. £38 recovered and endeavour being made to collect balance.
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Unemployment Board.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Seventy-five cases in which relief workers obtained moneys in excess of relief rates by making false statements to the Unemployment Board, or by failing to disclose material particulars of their circumstances	1,719 13 11	Recovery being obtained. In nine cases offenders convicted and fines amounting to £54 12s. imposed, and costs totalling £7 12s. 6d. ordered to be paid.
Forgery of voucher	24 15 0	Police inquiries unsuccessful.

SCHEDULE OF IMPERFECT VOUCHERS PASSED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTIONS 73 AND 75, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926.

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
Agriculture.			
Travelling-expenses, officers travelling in Australia	Receipts not obtained	£ s. d. 21 3 4	
Travelling-expenses, non-public servant visiting Wellington on Government business	Receipts not obtained	0 10 0	21 13 4
Customs.			
Travelling-expenses and postages, officers travelling in United States of America and Canada	Receipts unobtainable	181 10 0	
Travelling-expenses of officer travelling abroad ..	Receipts unobtainable	1 7 2	182 17 2
Defence.			
Refund of exchange to contractor	Receipts unobtainable	214 9 6	
Out-of-pocket expenses, officer travelling to New Zealand	Receipts unobtainable	16 4 1	230 13 7
Education.			
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	13 1 9	13 1 9
Health.			
Exchange payment to officer travelling abroad ..	Receipts not obtainable	6 12 9	6 12 9
Industries and Commerce, Tourist, and Publicity.			
Postages and telegrams, officer travelling in New Zealand	Receipts unobtainable	4 8 3	
Purchase of stamps, Melbourne and United States of America	Receipts unobtainable	15 14 11	20 3 2