

STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES.

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
External Affairs Department.		
IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Theft of liquor and tobacco from the m.v. "Maui Pomare"	£ s. d. 13 19 0	Police inquiries unsuccessful.
Labour Department: Employment Promotion Fund.		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
One thousand six hundred and eleven cases in which relief recipients obtained moneys in excess of scale rates by making false statements to the Labour Department or by failing to disclose material particulars of their circumstances	6,989 0 8	Proceedings instituted, 180 cases involving the sum of £3,368 12s. 10d., whereof 153 convictions have been entered, imprisonment and/or fines totalling £1,942 18s. 4d inflicted, costs amounting to £69 5s. imposed, and restitution of £242 5s. 5d. ordered by the Court. During the year there were 1,430 ordinary excess relief cases, the amount of the excess totalling £3,618 12s. 10d. £2,438 5s. 5d. of this amount has been liquidated or otherwise dealt with, and of the remaining 339 cases no recovery has been effected from 162 of them, and a substantial reduction has been achieved from the others. As a result of the tightening-up and increased strength of the inquiry system there were 1,646 fewer cases reported than was the case the previous year, and the reduction in the amount involved was £12,789 1s.
Lands and Survey Department.		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Loss of pay envelope	7 14 8	Police notified. Amount recovered from officer responsible.
Failure to account for proceeds from sale of stores	6 4 0	Officer responsible reprimanded. No loss to Department.
Native Department.		
IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Theft of fencing-wire	46 10 0	Offender admitted to probation for two years and ordered to make restitution.
Pensions Department.		
IRREGULARITY BY A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Fraudulent manipulation of pension warrants and failure to account for departmental moneys	217 2 2	Offender convicted and admitted to probation for 3 years, ordered to make restitution and to pay costs £5.
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Fraudulent manipulation of a pension warrant	3 9 4	Police inquiries unsuccessful.
False declarations regarding earnings	628 4 7	Offender sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Recovery is being made.
Post and Telegraph Department.		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Thefts from postal packets	3 10 0	Offender sentenced to three months' imprisonment.
Thefts from postal packets	16 11 0	Offender admitted to probation for two years. Restitution made.
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Theft of stamps by burglar	2 12 0	Offender admitted to probation for two years on this and other charges.
Theft of cash by burglars	1 3 1	Police inquiries unsuccessful.
Theft of cash and stamps by burglars	81 1 9	Offenders sentenced to eighteen months' reformatory detention and two years hard labour respectively. Loss to Department £79 13s. 9d.
Theft of cash and values by burglars	29 11 10	Police inquiries unsuccessful.
Theft of cash by burglars	49 16 2	Police inquiries unsuccessful.
Theft of stamps from mail-bag	17 13 4	Police inquiries unsuccessful.
Theft of stores by burglars	1 19 0	Police inquiries unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	1 5 0	Police inquiries unsuccessful.
Thefts of cash and stamps by burglar	183 4 5	Offender sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour. Loss to Department £100 13s. 3d.
Fraudulent withdrawal from Post Office Savings-bank	45 0 0	Police inquiries unsuccessful.