

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

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
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Public Trust Office

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

	£	s.	d.	
Misappropriation of public moneys	19	6	1	Offender admitted to probation for one year.

Public Works Department

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Public moneys obtained by fraud	3	19	1	Offender convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.
Theft of cheque	10	19	0	Offender convicted and discharged, as he was already serving a term of imprisonment.

Railways Department

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Theft of goods	Not stated	Offender convicted and fined £5 and ordered to make restitution.
Misappropriation of public moneys	3 0 0	Offender convicted and placed on probation for a period of twelve months. Restitution made.
Misappropriation of public moneys	9 10 3	Offender convicted and placed on probation for a period of three years and restitution ordered.
Theft of goods	Not stated	Offender sentenced to probation for two years.
Theft of stores	6 12 3	Offender sentenced to one month's imprisonment and ordered to return to the Department articles stolen.
Theft of petrol	Not stated	Offender convicted and discharged.
Misappropriation of public moneys	2 2 9	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months.
Misappropriation of public moneys	27 10 0	Police inquiries failed to trace person responsible. Controlling officers reprimanded and required to make good the loss.
Theft of goods	Not stated	Three offenders were each sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment, one to fourteen days' imprisonment, and one was admitted to probation for a period of twelve months.
Loss of public moneys	15 0 0	Police investigations unsuccessful. Loss made good by officer in charge.
Theft of stores	18 0 0	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within three years, and also ordered to make restitution.
Misappropriation of public moneys	0 15 0	Offender convicted and fined £3 and costs.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Theft of cash	10 0 0	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	8 12 4	Police investigations unsuccessful. Loss made good by officer responsible for its custody.
Theft of stores	Not stated	Three offenders sentenced to varying terms of reformatory detention.
Theft of cash	7 0 10	Police investigations unsuccessful. Officer responsible for its custody required to make good the loss.
Theft of stores	Not stated	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	0 8 8	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	1 9 3	Police investigations unsuccessful.

Scientific and Industrial Research Department

IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER

Theft of cash	3 18 9	Police investigations unsuccessful.
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Social Security Department

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS

Theft of pay	10 17 0	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Excess benefits obtained by forging postal warrants	36 0 0	Offender convicted and sentenced to reformatory detention for a period not exceeding twelve months.
Loss of public moneys	10 4 9	Investigations not yet complete.
Loss of public moneys	40 19 0	Investigations by the police and the Department unsuccessful.
Five hundred and fifty-one cases in which recipients of pensions, unemployment, sickness, age, and other benefits obtained payments in excess of scale rates by failing promptly to disclose material particulars of their circumstances to the Social Security Department. (NOTE.—The excess payments to many of the recipients were not all made during 1942-43, but include amounts received by them in previous years)	11,160 17 3	Proceedings instituted in three cases involving the sum of £382 19s. 2d. resulted in three convictions being entered. Imprisonment was inflicted in one case, and in the other two cases, in which restitution of the sum of £372 19s. 2d. was made, the offenders were ordered to come up for sentence if called upon. There were 548 other cases involving the sum of £10,777 18s. 1d. 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.