

(c) STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES—*continued*

File No.	Nature of Irregularity.	Amount Involved.	Action Taken, and Result.
CASES OTHER THAN THOSE IN WHICH DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED—<i>contd.</i>			
State Forest Service			
		£ s. d.	
A. 21/87/48	Theft of petrol, fencing-wire, and stores (five instances)	Not stated	*
A. 21/87/48	Theft of petrol	0 19 3	Offender convicted and fined £5. Restitution ordered.
State Hydro-electric Department			
A. 21/126/48	Theft of scrap copper ..	34 11 0	Offenders (2) convicted and each sentenced to three months' imprisonment.
A. 31/66/2	Theft of stores (seventeen instances)	240 9 2	Reported to police—mostly petty items.
Department of Tourist and Health Resorts			
A. 21/42/48	Theft of bicycle	4 10 0	*
Transport Department			
A. 21/105/48	Theft of motor-tires (ten) ..	110 11 6	*
Treasury Department (War Assets Realization Board)			
A. 21/12/48	Theft of machinery	15 0 0	*
Valuation Department			
A. 21/44/48	Theft of wages, £72 17s. 11d., and office cash, £5	77 17 11	*
A. 21/44/48	Theft of chain tape	Not stated	*

(d) SCHEDULE OF SUMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE AS PAID, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 73, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926

Section 73, which requires the Audit Office to disallow any sum as paid where the voucher for the actual receipt or payment has not been produced, empowers the Minister, on satisfactory evidence being produced that the requisite papers have been lost or destroyed or that it is not possible to obtain or replace them, to order that the relative sum be allowed.

The powers of the Minister under section 73 have been delegated to the Secretary to the Treasury in terms of section 15 of the Finance Act, 1937, and the following payments have been passed by the Audit Office pursuant to orders made under the delegated powers:—

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
Agriculture		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	20 18 10	
Travelling-expenses of officers travelling overseas	Receipts not obtained	28 5 4	49 4 2