

TABLE III.—SCHEDULE OF INQUIRIES HELD UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1912.

Department in which Officer concerned was employed.	Decision of Commissioner.
Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce	Officer required to resign.
Customs	Officer dismissed.
Defence	One officer transferred; other officers cautioned.
Education	Services terminated; allowed salary during period of suspension.
Internal Affairs	Charge not proved.
"	Officer dismissed.
Labour	Officer reinstated and cautioned.
Lands and Survey	Officer transferred.
Mental Hospitals	Officer reinstated with loss of pay during suspension.
"	One officer reinstated and one officer dismissed.
"	Officer reinstated.
Post and Telegraph	Officer dismissed.
"	Officer reinstated.
"	To withdraw statements made and make apology.
Public Works	Officer required to tender resignation; as this was not forthcoming, officer dismissed.
Tourist	Officer reinstated.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE STORES TENDER BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918.

THE Board met on eleven occasions during the year.

Mr. J. Orchiston again filled the position of Chairman, while Mr. F. T. O'Neill ceased to be a member on the 31st January, on which date he retired from the Public Service.

Owing to the continued unsettled conditions of trade it was in many cases found more advantageous to extend existing arrangements for supplies than to arrange fresh contracts by tender, and for the same reason tendering was for the greater part restricted to items of local and Australian production or manufacture, and to articles readily procurable in America, either in Canada or the United States.

The value of tenders let during the year was approximately the same as that for the previous year, thirty-five tenders being accepted for stores to the value of £33,477 0s. 7d.

The purchase of forty-three miscellaneous items, valued at £15,640 0s. 11d., was also approved.

Six tenders, the lowest of which aggregated £4,181 0s. 2d., were declined.

A contract for the supply of uniforms for officers of the Department of Internal Affairs for a period of one year was let, while a contract for the supply of uniforms for the Post and Telegraph Department, for the two years ending 31st December, 1919, of an estimated annual value of £10,000, was let. A contract was also arranged for the supply of bicycle, motor-cycle, and motor-car covers and tubes, of an estimated annual value of £3,325.

Contracts for the supply of ironmongery and general stores for the year ending 30th June, 1918, were let, and notwithstanding the conditions satisfactory arrangements were made for the supply of 3,943 items, as against 3,502 during the previous year.

The deposit security of one contractor was forfeited on account of failure to carry out his contract.

Schedules giving particulars of tenders let and purchases approved are attached for your information.

E. A. SHRIMPTON, Chairman.

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