

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

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
<i>Pensions Department.</i>		
	£ s. d.	
False declaration by pensioner	70 1 1	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence when called upon, and to refund the amount overpaid at the rate of 10s. per week.
False declaration by pensioner	26 0 0	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon, and to refund the amount overpaid at the rate of 5s. per week.
Wilful false statements by pensioner in order to secure a larger pension	478 5 2	Offender convicted, fined £20 plus costs, and ordered to refund £478 5s. 2d. pension overpaid.
False declaration by pensioner as to earnings ..	10 0 0	Offender convicted and ordered to pay Court costs, and refund the amount overpaid at the rate of 6s. per week.
False declaration by pensioner as to earnings ..	93 0 0	Offender convicted, ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within three years, and refund the amount overpaid at the rate of 15s. a week.
False declaration by pensioner as to earnings ..	26 0 0	Offender convicted and ordered to pay £10 and costs. War Pensions Board has directed that disability pension of £1 10s. per week be reduced by 10s. per week until the overpayment is recovered.
False declarations by pensioner as to earnings ..	13 0 0	Offender fined £10 and costs, in default one month's hard labour. Economic pension cancelled by War Pensions Board.
<i>Post and Telegraph Department.</i>		
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account by means of forgery (b)	300 0 0	Offender sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. £15 6s. 5d. was recovered. Loss £284 13s. 7d (a).
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account by means of forgery (b)	48 5 0	Offender sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. Officers of Department concerned required to make good £18 5s. Loss to the State, £30 (a).
Failure by officer to account for value of cable-grams	5 9 0	Offender, who had resigned prior to irregularity being disclosed, was admitted to probation for three years and ordered to make restitution.
Theft by temporary Postal officer	47 16 3	Offender placed on probation for three years. Ordered to make restitution and pay costs of prosecution. Dismissed.
Attempt to fraudulently withdraw sum from savings-bank account (b)	33 10 0	Forgery detected by Department. Offender sentenced to two years' hard labour.
Attempt to fraudulently withdraw sum from savings-bank account (b)	159 0 0	Forgery detected by Department. One delinquent admitted to probation for two years, two others sentenced to two years' reformatory detention and six months' hard labour respectively.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account by means of forgery (b)	47 0 0	Offender placed on probation for five years and ordered to make restitution.
Theft of part of contents of postal parcel (b) ..	..	Offender admitted to probation for twelve months, ordered to make restitution, and pay costs of prosecution.
Theft of letter containing postal notes (b) ..	1 5 0	Offender ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months and to make restitution.
Thefts from private postal letter-boxes (b) ..	15 9 8	Offender placed on probation for two years and ordered to make restitution.
Theft of letter containing postal notes (b) ..	..	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months, and to make restitution.
Theft from post-office entered burglariously (b)	0 11 11	Lad committed to Boys' Training-farm. Departmental officer who failed to place the sum in the safe was required to make good the amount.
Theft by Postal officer of letters containing postal notes	6 7 0	Offender sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour. Loss, £6 7s. (a).
Theft of postal packet and contents (b) ..	..	Offender placed on probation for two years. Contents recovered and handed to owner.
Theft of postal packets by postal employee ..	10 18 0	Offender sentenced to two years' reformatory detention in a Borstal Institute. As the postal packets were neither registered nor insured, no loss to the Department results.
Theft of postal packet containing £1 bank-note (b)	1 0 0	Offender sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour. Restitution made.
Theft from street receiving-boxes (b) ..	..	Offender sentenced to three years' reformatory detention in a Borstal Institute.
Theft by mail contractor of postal packet containing £1 bank-note	1 0 0	Suspected person died whilst under remand to appear at Court.
Theft of postal packet containing £1 bank-note (b)	1 0 0	Offender sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. Restitution made.
Theft of letter containing £7 in bank-notes (b)	7 0 0	Offender convicted and ordered to come up for sentence when called upon, and to make restitution.
Theft of property from post-office entered burglariously (b)	..	Offender admitted to probation for two years and ordered to pay costs of prosecution. Property recovered.

(a) Amount requires to be written off with parliamentary authority under section 3 (3), Public Revenues Act, 1926.

(b) Offender was not employed in any State Department.