

## STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES.

## Section 89 (2) (c), Public Revenues Act, 1926.

| Nature of Irregularity.                                                                                                  | Amount Involved. | Action taken, and Result.                                                                                                                                        |
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| <i>Customs Department.</i>                                                                                               |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Failure of officer to keep safe custody of salary awaiting payment                                                       | £ s. d.<br>9 4 1 | The officer made good the loss when called upon to do so. Disciplinary action was taken.                                                                         |
| <i>Defence Department.</i>                                                                                               |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sale by officer of stores on credit; suppression of original document, and issue of false ones; failure to bank promptly | ..               | In the circumstances the resignation of the offender was accepted. No loss to Department.                                                                        |
| <i>High Commissioner's Office, London.</i>                                                                               |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITY BY A PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                     |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Theft of cash, stamps, &c., from the office of the High Commissioner                                                     | 9 3 4            | Police investigations were fruitless (a).                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Justice Department.</i>                                                                                               |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Failure of a relieving bailiff (who disappeared) to account for moneys collected                                         | 13 0 0           | Matter placed in hands of the police, whose efforts to trace the offender have been unsuccessful (a).                                                            |
| IRREGULARITY BY A PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                     |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Theft of garden hose .. .. .                                                                                             | 1 10 0           | Police were unable to trace the offender (a).                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Labour Department.</i>                                                                                                |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Failure by an officer to account for various small sums received for fees                                                | 1 1 6            | A decision was given that retention of salary and grading would depend on satisfactory report as to work and conduct. The officer at fault made good the amount. |
| <i>Land and Deeds Registry.</i>                                                                                          |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Failure of officer to promptly account for sums received to be affixed to documents in stamps.                           | 35 16 0          | Suspended from duty pending investigations.                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Lands and Survey Department.</i>                                                                                      |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Misappropriation of departmental money by officer                                                                        | 414 0 0          | Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twelve months, reformatory treatment (a). Dismissed.                                                                |
| <i>Marine Department.</i>                                                                                                |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Misappropriation by an officer of various amounts of wharfage and rent collected by him                                  | 32 8 7           | Offender convicted, sentenced to two years' probation, and ordered to make restitution of the amount stolen. The amount has been recovered. Dismissed.           |
| <i>New Zealand Government Railways Department.</i>                                                                       |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.                                                                                 |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Theft by clerk of cash paid for railage ..                                                                               | 13 7 5           | Offender was convicted and admitted to probation for two years. Restitution made. Dismissed.                                                                     |
| Theft by clerk of postal cash .. ..                                                                                      | 0 10 8           | Disciplinary action was taken by the Department. Deficiency made good.                                                                                           |
| Theft of goods by three shunters and a porter ..                                                                         | 11 8 0           | Offenders were convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment with hard labour varying from one to four months. Goods recovered. Dismissed.                    |
| Failure by temporary Stationmaster to bank revenue collected                                                             | 1 0 0            | Shortage attributed to carelessness. Dismissed.                                                                                                                  |
| Failure of clerk to account for sum received by him as a deposit                                                         | 5 0 0            | Offender was convicted and admitted to probation for twelve months. Restitution made. Dismissed.                                                                 |
| Theft of cash by porter .. .. .                                                                                          | 1 1 10           | Offender was convicted and fined £5. Dismissed.                                                                                                                  |
| Theft of rail ticket by a cadet .. ..                                                                                    | 0 11 4           | Offender was convicted and discharged. Restitution made. Dismissed.                                                                                              |
| Failure of porter to account for various sums collected until called upon                                                | ..               | Dismissed. No loss resulted.                                                                                                                                     |
| Theft by clerk of savings-bank deposit ..                                                                                | 2 10 0           | Offender had left the Dominion before the theft was revealed (a).                                                                                                |
| Theft by night-watchman of brass scrap ..                                                                                | ..               | Offender was convicted and discharged. No loss resulted. Dismissed.                                                                                              |
| Theft of departmental property by porter ..                                                                              | ..               | Offender was convicted and admitted to probation for twelve months. Property recovered. Dismissed.                                                               |
| IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.                                                                     |                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Theft of cash by burglars who broke into Wai-kanae Station                                                               | 2 6 7            | Police investigated but were unable to trace the delinquents (a).                                                                                                |
| Theft of cash by burglars who broke into Wai-kino Station                                                                | 0 10 0           | Police investigated but were unable to trace the delinquents (a).                                                                                                |

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