

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

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
<i>Pensions Department.</i>		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
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False declaration by war pensioner in regard to earnings	..	Offender convicted and ordered to pay costs of the prosecutions—viz., £1 13s.
False and misleading statements by husband of deceased war pensioner resulting in overpayment of pension	177 13 4	Offender convicted and ordered to refund the amount wrongly withdrawn. The amount was refunded immediately.
False declaration by war pensioner that he was unemployed, resulting in overpayment of his economic and wife's pensions	43 6 8	Offender pleaded guilty and was convicted and discharged. The pensioner refunded the amount prior to conviction.
False declarations by war pensioner that his income was nil although he was in employment, resulting in overpayment of his economic and wife's pensions	39 0 0	Offender convicted and fined £5. The overpayment of £39 has been recouped by suspending payment of pension for three months.
False declarations by widow regarding income for pension purposes, resulting in overpayment of pension	312 2 6	Offender convicted and fined £5 on one charge, convicted and discharged on five other charges, and ordered to refund the amount overpaid.
False declarations by widow regarding income for pension purposes, resulting in overpayment of pension	47 0 0	Offender convicted and fined £5 and 10s. Court costs on one charge, convicted and discharged on five other charges, and ordered to refund the amount overpaid.
False declaration by old-age pensioner that he had only £22 in the Savings-bank when he had £233 there, resulting in overpayment of pension	216 6 8	Offender convicted and fined £10 and ordered to refund the amount overpaid.
False declaration by war pensioner in regard to earnings	26 0 0	Accused pleaded guilty. Case adjourned <i>sine die</i> conditional on pensioner refunding the amount overpaid at rate of 10s. weekly.
Theft of cash-box containing departmental cash	41 4 4	Police were unable to trace the offenders. Two clerks held to be responsible for the safe custody of the cash have been called upon to make good the amount.
<i>Post and Telegraph Department.</i>		
IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Loss arising from counter clerk in Parcels Branch using previously-used stamps	1 10 0	Offender pleaded guilty, was admitted to probation for two years and ordered to make restitution. Dismissed from the service. No loss to Department.
Theft of scrap lead and scrap copper by a lineman	45 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment for four months with hard labour. Restitution made of £31 4s. 6d. Loss to Department, £13 15s. 6d. (a). Dismissed.
Theft of postal packets, containing chocolates, by message-boy	..	Offender admonished and discharged. Dismissed.
Theft of letter by postmen's sorter	2 15 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' hard labour. Recovery was effected, and no loss accrued to the Department. Dismissed.
Loss arising through money-order failing to reach addressee, and through savings-bank deposit not being accounted for	14 0 0	Matter placed in hands of police, but insufficient information obtained to warrant proceedings being taken. Loss to Department, £5 (a).
Theft by postman of postal packets containing postal notes, &c.	..	Offender pleaded guilty and was admitted to probation for two years and ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution. Restitution made. Dismissed.
Theft of letters by postman	..	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twelve months' Borstal detention. Restitution has been made. Dismissed.
Theft of savings-bank deposits by exchange clerk	17 0 0	Offender found guilty and admitted to three years' probation; ordered to make restitution and pay costs of prosecution. Restitution has been made. Dismissed.
Opening of postal packets by Assistant Supervisor	..	Offender found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months' reformatory detention. No loss to Department. Dismissed.
Theft by a clerk in the Parcels Branch by manipulating the stamps on parcels and by overcharging members of the public for postage on parcels	86 2 0	Offender admitted to probation for a period of three years and ordered to make restitution. The amount has been recovered. Dismissed.
Theft of letters and postal packets by cadet ..	9 7 6	Offender pleaded guilty and was ordered to be detained in a Borstal Institution for a period of two years and to make restitution. No money was lost to Department. Dismissed.
Theft of letters by departmental employee ..	3 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was admitted to probation for two years on condition that restitution was made, and that the costs of the prosecution were paid. No money was lost to Department. Dismissed.
Misappropriation by clerk of moneys received by him on behalf of the State Advances Department	82 10 9	Offender sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. Restitution was made. Dismissed.
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.		
Theft of postal notes and cash by burglars who broke into Te Uku Post-office	11 2 11	Matter placed in hands of police. Postmaster required to make good the loss of cash. No loss to Department.

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