

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

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount Involved.	Action taken, and Result.
<i>Post and Telegraph Department—continued.</i>		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS— <i>continued.</i>		
Theft of cash, cheques, and stamps by burglars who broke into Kumeu Post-office	£ s. d. 56 15 9	Matter placed in hands of police. Cheques to value of £34 2s. were subsequently returned through the post. Loss to Department, £22 13s. 9d. (a).
Theft of departmental tools from tool-boxes, Island Bay	..	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour. The tools were recovered. No loss to Department.
Theft of postal packets	2 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was committed to the Borstal Institute. Loss to Departments, £2 (a).
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	72 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eighteen months' reformatory detention. Restitution has been made.
Theft of mail-bag from express train ..	33 2 6	Matter placed in hands of police. Loss to Department, £33 2s. 6d. (a).
Theft of letter containing a cheque	1 8 11	Offender pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for three months. No loss to Department.
Theft of mail from a rural-mail box	..	Offender sentenced to seven days' imprisonment. No loss to Department.
Theft of letter containing bank-notes ..	3 10 0	Offender pleaded guilty, was admonished, and the charge withdrawn for two years. A refund of the amount has been made.
Theft from train of mail-bag containing departmental remittances and registered packets	69 19 9	Matter placed in hands of police. Paid documents amounting to £12 were amongst the stolen mail, but duplicates can be obtained for these. Loss to Department, £57 19s. 9d. (a).
Theft of stamps and cash by burglars who broke into Manor Place Post-office	21 5 2½	Matter placed in hands of police. Loss to Department, £21 5s. 2½d. (a).
Fraudulent entry in savings-bank pass-book ..	15 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay costs of prosecution and to come up for sentence if called upon within two years. No loss to Department.
Fraudulent statement regarding posting of letter containing postal notes	..	Offender pleaded guilty and was fined £15 and admitted to probation for a period of two years. No loss to Department.
Fraudulent statement and forgery concerning money-orders	..	Persons concerned were found guilty and were convicted and ordered to come up for sentence when called upon. No loss to Department.
Fraudulent statement concerning posting of a letter said to contain bank-notes	12 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twelve months' detention in the Borstal Institution. No loss to Department.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	6 6 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was ordered to come up for sentence when called upon within two years and to pay the costs of the prosecution. The amount has been recovered.
Fraudulent statement regarding posting of letter said to contain bank-notes	7 10 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was admitted to probation for two years and ordered to pay costs of the prosecution. No loss to Department.
Damage to safe at Pokaka by explosion of dynamite	..	Offender was found guilty on several charges and was sentenced to three years' hard labour on several charges of breaking and entering, and to two years' hard labour on each of several charges of false pretences, the sentences to be concurrent. He was also declared an habitual criminal. There was no loss of cash.
Theft of letter containing bank-notes, postal notes, and stamps by employee of sender	1 5 6	Offender pleaded guilty and was convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within twelve months. No loss to Department.
Theft of letter containing postal notes by employee of sender	0 16 0	Charge of fraudulently stating a letter had been posted was dismissed, but on a charge of theft offender was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour. No loss to Department.
Theft of letter containing cheque	18 0 0	Offender convicted, fined £3 and 10s. costs. No loss to Department.
Theft of letter containing postal notes ..	1 10 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment. No money was lost to Department.
Theft from Post-office at Waipapakaari by burglars	..	Offenders sentenced to two years' detention in the Borstal Institute. There was no loss to Department.
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	10 0 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years' reformatory detention. As the forgery was made possible by carelessness on the part of the depositor, the loss will not be borne by Department.
Thefts from private letter-box and detention of postal packets	17 6 4	Offender admonished and discharged and ordered to make restitution. The amount has been recovered.
Theft of letters containing postal notes and stamps from a rural-delivery route	1 6 0	Offender fined £3 and ordered to make restitution. There was no loss of money to Department.
Theft of bank-notes from a letter, and forgery of a telegram	2 0 0	On the charge of theft offender was convicted and ordered to come up for sentence within six months and to make restitution; on forgery charge offender was placed on probation for one year. No loss was suffered by Department.

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