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

Name of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
Post and Telegraph Department—continued.		
IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS—*continued.*		
	£ s. d.	
Fraudulent statement concerning the posting of a letter said to contain postal notes	..	Offender admitted to probation for two years on the usual conditions, and his earnings and expenditure to be under control of the Probation Officer.
Pillage of mails on ferry-steamer	183 15 2	One of the offenders was sentenced to three years' hard labour, a second offender was ordered to be detained in a Borstal Institution for a period not exceeding two years. The Union Steamship Co. agreed to pay £140, and a sum of £16 was recovered from one of the offenders by order of the Court, leaving a net loss to Department of £27 15s. 2d. (*a*).
Theft from rural mail delivery of letters containing cheques	74 0 0	On the charge of stealing a cheque for £74, reduced to £50, offender was ordered to be detained in a Borstal Institute for three years. There was no loss to Department.
Theft of letter containing a cheque from a roadside letter-box	8 0 0	Offender was convicted and discharged. At the time he was interviewed he was already serving a sentence for theft. There was no loss to Department.
Theft of letter and forgery of signature on a postal note contained therein	..	Offender was placed on probation for one year on the charge of theft, and received the same sentence on the charge of forgery. There was no loss to Department.
Forgery of money-orders	14 14 6	Offenders pleaded guilty to a charge of false pretences, and were ordered to pay witnesses' expenses and to come up for sentence in six months' time. There was no loss to Department.
Fraudulent withdrawals from savings-bank account	100 0 0	Offender was found guilty and sentenced to reformative detention for a period not exceeding one year. Loss to Department, £100 (*a*).
Fraudulent withdrawal from savings-bank account	475 0 0	Offender was sentenced to four years' detention in a Borstal Institute. There will be no loss to Department.
Fraudulent statement as to the posting of two registered letters	..	Offender pleaded guilty and was admitted to probation for two years. No loss to Department.
Printing and Stationery Department.		
IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Theft of brass rule, leads, &c.	10 0 0	Police were unable to trace the offender (*a*).
Public Trust Office.		
IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Misappropriation of departmental moneys by clerk	3 15 0	Offender pleaded guilty and was admitted to probation for two years. Restitution was made. Dismissed.
IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Burglary of office occupied by agent ..	7 12 0	Police were unable to apprehend the culprit (*a*).
Public Works Department.		
IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Misappropriation of departmental moneys by clerk	251 0 0	Offender was sentenced to reformative treatment for a period not exceeding a year. Restitution was made of £65 6s. 5d. Loss to the Department, £185 13s. 7d. (*a*). Dismissed.
Use by overseer of his own lorry on departmental contracts, and destruction by him of time-sheets and invoices	107 15 0	Offender refunded the sum of £107 15s. Dismissed.
IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Theft of lead from bulk store, Wellington, during course of transfer to another building	10 0 0	Police inquiries failed to reveal the offender (*a*).
Stamp Duties Department.		
IRREGULARITY BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Withholding moneys for short periods before banking	..	Offender resigned. No loss of moneys resulted.
Tourist and Health Resorts Department.		
IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.		
Theft of forty towels from bathhouse laundry	..	Matter investigated by police but culprit not detected (*a*).
Theft of forty-one fowls from the departmental poultry-yard, Rotorua	..	Police were unable to trace the offenders (*a*).

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