

The probates and letters of administration with will annexed numbered 8, whilst the number in the previous year was 7

The money trusts undertaken were 11, as against 7 in the previous period.

The letters received and recorded were 3,020, or an increase of 898, or 42 per cent.

The outward correspondence has increased to a large extent, being 3,084, as against 1432 in the previous year, or an increase of 1,652, or 115 per cent.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that the colonists are availing themselves more generally of the advantages offered under the provisions of the Public Trust Office Acts, whilst the largely-increased business may safely be taken as an indication that the office is growing in public favour, and that a knowledge of its objects is being gradually disseminated amongst the people.

I have, &c.,

R. C. HAMERTON,
Public Trustee.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT extracted from the Accounts of the Public Trust Office for the Years 1879–80 and 1880–81.

	Year 1879–80.	Year 1880–81.	Increase during 1880–81.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash transactions,—			
Receipts	41,813 12 3	68,262 9 2	26,448 16 11
Disbursements ...	41,218 13 11	73,002 19 3	31,784 5 4
Total transactions, as per balance-sheet	92,318 5 6	173,889 2 4	81,570 16 10
Securities held at close of year,—			
General Investment Account	70,864 16 6	90,864 16 6	20,000 0 0
Special Investment Account	2,655 12 0	10,074 7 5	7,418 15 5
Amount paid to Consolidated Fund during year	3,886 13 5	5,493 1 0	1,606 7 7
Interest paid to estates during year	2,449 12 4	2,887 11 9	437 19 5
Balance of profit on Interest Account transferred to Expenses Account ...	1,119 9 3	1,777 7 0	657 17 9
Interest Account—Total interest received during year	3,569 1 7	4,664 18 9	1,095 17 2
Expenses Account,—			
Total receipts during year	2,139 11 4	4,029 2 5	1,889 11 1
Total expenditure during year ...	1,608 15 5	1,773 5 11	164 10 6
Net profits made by office during year	530 15 11	2,255 16 6	1,725 0 7
	Number.	Number.	Number.
Administrations	172	184	12
Orders of administration taken out ..	38	85	47
Probates, &c.	7	8	1
Trusts, &c.	7	11	4
Letters received	2,122	3,020	898
Letters outwards	1,432	3,084	1,652