

The number of estates administered each year was as follows :—

Year.					No.	Year.					No.
1873	..	..	..	..	315	1881	..	..	..	1,631	
1874	..	..	..	..	542	1882	..	..	..	2,004	
1875	..	..	..	..	733	1883	..	..	..	2,124	
1876	..	..	..	..	923	1884	..	..	..	2,305	
1877	..	..	..	..	1,088	1885	..	..	..	2,382	
1878	..	..	..	..	1,196	1886	..	..	..	2,307	
1879	..	..	..	..	1,337	1887	..	..	..	2,227	
1880	..	..	..	..	1,460	1888	..	..	..	2,199	

Total, 24,773.

From the foregoing figures it will be seen that the average time that an estate will remain in the office is 4·366 years, as shown below :—

Number of estates under administration each year for the whole sixteen years aggregate to 24,773, and this number divided by 5,674 (the total number of estates administered) gives 4·366 years ; each estate thus runs into five years' accounts.

The average time taken for each estate was shown to be 30 minutes 59 seconds, and, as each estate runs into five years, it follows that 6 minutes 11½ seconds was the average time taken in bringing out each annual pair of totals required.

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