

Following the decentralization of trust estates, the numbers and classes of estates remaining for administration in the Wellington district are—

Minors	394
Deceased persons	66
Convicts	12
Mental patients	38
Trusteeships	9
Receiverships and miscellaneous	58
Total	577

Funds held at 31st March, 1948 in the above accounts amounted to £71,734. In addition, sixty-six accounts were open comprising balances of rents held for deceased persons and untraced beneficiaries, with a total of £102 at credit.

The following table shows the movement of estates during the year:—

	Accepted for Administration.	Administration Completed.
Minors	21	55
Deceased persons	10	38
Convicts	1	..
Mental patients	2	1
Receiverships and miscellaneous	2	6
	36	100

The Taueki Consolidation Scheme in the Horowhenua district, comprising an area of 1,000 acres and valued at £23,550, was completed during the year.