

CAPITAL FUNDS of the PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE, and how Invested, from 1895 to 31st March, 1901.

	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
The capital funds of the Public Trust Office amounted to	668,937	858,638	961,638	956,153	1,056,868	1,672,304
Of which the amount held in cash at credit of the Public Trustee's Account was ...	12,101	16,664	48,667	13,512	27,880	53,925
Leaving a balance invested of ...	656,836	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379
The investments consisted—						
Of those made by the Public Trustee out of the Common Fund, and amounting to ...	358,296	588,483	631,816	653,710	794,987	1,407,419
Of those made by the Public Trustee for estates, and amounting to ...	259,279	205,942	251,643	264,296	214,411	196,230
Of those made by other trustees of properties afterwards transferred to the office ...	39,261	47,549	29,512	24,635	19,590	14,730
	656,836	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379
The capital funds invested were applied to investments—						
In Government securities of the colony, to the amount of	295,108	354,108	251,708	160,308	137,778	607,798
In local bodies' securities, to the amount of ...	1,839	1,839	7,839	12,839	19,439	19,239
In mortgages of real estate, to the amount of ...	354,933	482,206	651,160	766,371	871,771	991,261
In fixed deposits, to the amount of ...	444	...	380	1,689	...	81
In companies, to the amount of ...	4,512	3,821	1,884	1,434	...	...
Total	656,836	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379

NUMBER AND ESTIMATED VALUE OF ESTATES IN THE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE.

THE following was the number and estimated value of estates in the Public Trust Office on the 31st December, 1893, and on the 31st March on each of the years 1896 to 1901.

Class.	Number of Estates.						
	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts)	371	447	466	493	538	576	684
Intestates' estates	868	812	781	797	821	903	867
Real estates	117	91	86	84	79	75	69
Lunatics' estates	271	434	510	558	507	555	626
Native reserves	102	107	112	112	115	110	110
West Coast Settlement Reserves ..	293	293	293	293	293	293	293
Unclaimed lands	..	52	86	76	138	155	249
Total	2,022	2,236	2,334	2,413	2,491	2,667	2,898

Class.	Value of Estates.						
	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts)	£ 543,239	£ 673,478	£ 744,742	£ 789,162	£ 865,446	£ 933,567	£ 1,022,838
Intestates' estates	84,436	86,132	88,751	97,140	133,409	136,697	134,820
Real estates	23,465	14,686	11,161	10,572	8,414	8,313	7,459
Lunatics' estates	51,278	73,995	88,133	85,890	111,793	113,525	159,087
Native reserves	348,500	350,000	355,000	355,000	357,500	363,076	363,076
West Coast Settlement Reserves ..	400,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	620,000	622,604	622,604
Unclaimed lands	..	8,662	10,376	12,550	13,754	14,812	17,070
Total	1,450,918	1,806,953	1,898,163	1,950,314	2,110,316	2,192,594	2,326,954