

CAPITAL FUNDS of the PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE, and how invested, from 1899 to 31st March, 1904.

	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.	On 31st March, 1903.	On 31st March, 1904.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
The capital funds of the Public Trust Office amounted to ...	956,153	1,056,868	1,672,304	1,782,951	1,936,073	1,660,716
Of which the amount held in cash at credit of the Public Trustee's Account was ...	13,512	27,880	53,925	59,501	74,765	65,386
Leaving a balance invested of ...	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450	1,861,308	1,595,330
The investments consisted—						
Of those made by the Public Trustee out of the Common Fund, and amounting to ...	653,710	794,987	1,407,419	1,049,885	1,239,027	1,477,123
Of those made by the Public Trustee for estates, and amounting to ...	264,296	214,411	196,230	667,587	616,798	112,689
Of those made by other trustees of properties afterwards transferred to the office ...	24,635	19,590	14,730	5,978	5,483	5,518
	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450	1,861,308	1,595,330
The capital funds invested were applied to investments—						
In Government securities of the colony, to the amount of ...	160,308	137,778	607,798	578,323	578,343	103,363
In local bodies' securities, to the amount of ...	12,839	19,439	19,239	28,129	31,129	44,129
In mortgages of real estate, to the amount of ...	766,371	871,771	991,261	1,116,998	1,251,836	1,447,238
In fixed deposits, to the amount of ...	1,689	...	81	...	...	600
In companies, to the amount of ...	1,434	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450	1,861,308	1,595,330

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 March on each of the years 1898 to 1904:—

Class.	Number of Estates.						
	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.	On 31st March, 1903.	On 31st March, 1904.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts) ..	493	538	576	684	651	744	886
Intestates' estates ..	797	821	903	867	923	989	1,062
Real estates* ..	84	79	75	69	69	71	*
Lunatics' estates ..	558	507	555	626	728	802	854
Native reserves ..	112	115	110	110	143	143	119
West Coast settlement reserves ..	293	293	293	293	309	312	333
Unclaimed lands ..	76	138	155	249	226	253	266
Total ..	2,413	2,491	2,667	2,898	3,049	3,314	3,470
Class.	Value of Estates.						
	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.	On 31st March, 1903.	On 31st March, 1904.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts) ..	789,162	865,446	933,567	1,022,838	1,122,404	1,279,743	1,605,143
Intestates' estates ..	97,140	133,409	136,697	134,820	163,304	197,368	232,695
Real estates* ..	10,572	8,414	8,313	7,459	7,317	7,585	*
Lunatics' estates ..	85,890	111,793	113,525	159,087	163,306	170,585	208,573
Native reserves ..	355,000	357,500	363,076	363,076	366,000	375,000	380,000
West Coast settlement reserves ..	600,000	620,000	622,604	622,604	625,000	655,000	700,000
Unclaimed lands ..	12,550	13,754	14,812	17,070	20,283	21,504	26,471
Total ..	1,950,314	2,110,316	2,192,594	2,326,954	2,467,614	2,706,785	3,152,882

* Now included with unclaimed lands.