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# PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE

(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO FEES EARNED BY THE LEGAL BRANCH OF THE) FOR  
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1912.

*Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives pursuant to Order of the House dated the  
9th July, 1913, on Motion of Mr. Hanan.*

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RETURN SHOWING—(1) THE FEES EARNED BY THE LEGAL BRANCH OF THE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1912; (2) THE CLASSES OF WORK FOR WHICH FEES WERE CHARGED; (3) THE CLASSES OF WORK FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE CHARGED; (4) THE COST OF THE LEGAL BRANCH.

*1. Fees earned by the Legal Branch of the Public Trust Office for the Twelve Months ended  
31st March, 1912.*

£2,559 13s. 11d.

*2. The Classes of Work for which Fees were charged.*

(1.) *Court Work :—*

- (a.) Appearances by Office Solicitor in contested matters in Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.
- (b.) *Ex parte* applications to Supreme Court for orders to sell, lease, mortgage, to presume death, and other applications of a similar kind.
- (c.) Charging-orders, writs of sale and execution.

(2.) *Conveyancing and General Work :—*

- (a.) Transfers and conveyances to purchasers of land from estates, the usual charge being £1 1s.
- (b.) Assignments of leases, mining privileges, and the like to purchasers from estates (usual fee, 10s. 6d. to £1 1s.).
- (c.) Transfers and mortgages prepared for members of land-settlement associations, at a special scale of which the maximum charge is £5 5s. for both documents.
- (d.) Ordinary mortgage securities in respect of loans from the common fund and estates; renewals and adjustments in connection therewith.
- (e.) Securities in respect of loans raised by local bodies from the Public Trustee. A scale charge of 2s. 6d. per £100 of the loan (with a minimum charge of £3 3s.) is made.
- (f.) Leases under the West Coast Settlement Reserves Acts and the Native Reserves Acts.
- (g.) Other leases, for the preparation which the Office regulations provide a fee of £1.
- (h.) Agreements to lease and for sale and purchase.
- (i.) Preparation of documents for and conduct of sales by the Public Trustee as mortgagee.
- (j.) Consents to dealings by lessees and mortgagors where the Public Trustee is lessor or mortgagee respectively.
- (k.) Assignments by way of mortgage from beneficiaries obtaining advances on account of their shares in estates.
- (l.) Bills of sale and chattel securities.