

## 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 in each of the years 1890 to 1893, and on the 31st March in each of the years 1895, 1896, and 1897.

Class.	Number of Estates.						
	On 31st Dec., 1890.	On 31st Dec., 1891.	On 31st Dec., 1892.	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.
Wills and trusts (including Sinking Fund Accounts)	288	343	354	371	392	447	466
Intestate estates .. .. .	752	794	845	868	850	812	781
Real estates .. .. .	109	114	117	117	113	91	86
Lunatic estates .. .. .	137	181	202	271	335	434	510
Native reserves .. .. .	99	100	101	102	103	107	112
West Coast Settlement Reserves .. .. .	293	293	293	293	293	293	293
Unclaimed lands .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	52	86
Totals .. .. .	1,678	1,825	1,912	2,022	2,086	2,236	2,334

  

Class.	Value of Estates.						
	On 31st Dec., 1890.	On 31st Dec., 1891.	On 31st Dec., 1892.	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.
Wills and trusts (including Sinking Fund Accounts)	£ 418,047	£ 415,160	£ 442,671	£ 543,239	£ 586,814	£ 673,478	£ 744,742
Intestate estates .. .. .	75,305	83,381	81,650	84,436	80,287	86,132	88,751
Real estates .. .. .	23,496	24,190	22,706	23,465	22,462	14,686	11,161
Lunatic estates .. .. .	32,918	34,913	40,380	51,278	72,706	73,995	88,133
Native reserves .. .. .	340,869	344,692	346,499	348,500	350,000	350,000	355,000
West Coast Settlement Reserves .. .. .	349,462	350,289	350,839	400,000	450,000	600,000	600,000
Unclaimed lands .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	8,662	10,376
Totals .. .. .	1,240,097	1,252,625	1,284,755	1,450,918	1,562,269	1,806,953	1,898,163

The Government Loans to Local Bodies Sinking Fund, placed under control of Public Trustee by section 5 of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1892" [opened on the 9th December, 1892]. Transactions in this account have been as follows:—

Amounts received by the Public Trustee				
During the Year ended 31st March.	From Consolidated Fund.	From Land Assurance Fund.	From Interest.	Total Receipts during each Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1893 ... ..	14,000 0 0	7,015 11 9	...	21,015 11 9
1894 ... ..	20,528 19 7	4,494 1 5	1,058 16 0	26,081 17 0
1895 ... ..	11,406 13 7	3,802 4 6	2,148 0 7	17,356 18 8
1896 ... ..	13,384 18 0	4,461 12 7	2,958 3 3	20,804 13 10
1897 ... ..	14,960 1 10	4,986 14 0	3,651 3 11	23,597 19 9
Totals ... ..	74,280 13 0	24,760 4 3	9,816 3 9	108,857 1 0