

CAPITAL FUNDS of the PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE, and how Invested, from 1895 to 31st March, 1900.

	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
The capital funds of the Public Trust Office amounted to	668,937	774,533	858,638	961,638	956,153	1,056,868
Of which the amount held in cash at credit of the Public Trustee's Account was	12,101	16,960	16,664	48,667	13,512	27,880
Leaving a balance invested of	656,836	757,573	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988
The investments consisted—						
Of those made by the Public Trustee out of the common fund, and amounting to	358,296	492,788	588,483	631,816	653,710	794,987
Of those made by the Public Trustee for estates, and amounting to	259,279	206,629	205,942	251,643	264,296	214,411
Of those made by other trustees of properties afterwards transferred to the office	39,261	58,156	47,549	29,512	24,635	19,590
	656,836	757,573	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988
The capital funds invested were applied to investments—						
In Government securities of the colony, to the amount of	295,108	319,108	354,108	251,708	160,308	137,778
In local bodies' securities, to the amount of	1,839	1,839	1,839	7,839	12,839	19,439
In mortgages of real estate, to the amount of	354,933	432,455	482,206	651,160	766,371	871,771
In fixed deposits, to the amount of	444	...	...	380	1,689	...
In companies, to the amount of	4,512	4,171	3,821	1,884	1,434	...
Total	656,836	757,573	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988

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 in each of the years 1895 to 1900.

Class.	Number of Estates.						
	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts)	371	392	447	466	493	538	576
Intestates' estates	868	850	812	781	797	821	908
Real estates	117	113	91	86	84	79	75
Lunatics' estates	271	335	434	510	558	507	555
Native reserves	102	103	107	112	112	115	110
West Coast Settlement Reserves	293	293	293	293	293	293	293
Unclaimed lands .. ..	..	..	52	86	76	138	155
Total	2,022	2,086	2,236	2,334	2,413	2,491	2,667

Class.	Value of Estates.						
	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts)	543,239	586,814	673,478	744,742	789,162	865,446	933,567
Intestates' estates	84,436	80,287	86,132	88,751	97,140	133,409	136,697
Real estates	23,465	22,462	14,686	11,161	10,572	8,414	8,313
Lunatics' estates	51,278	72,706	73,995	88,133	85,890	111,793	113,525
Native reserves	348,500	350,000	350,000	355,000	355,000	357,500	363,076
West Coast Settlement Reserves	400,000	450,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	620,000	622,604
Unclaimed lands .. ..	..	..	8,662	10,376	12,550	13,754	14,812
Total	1,450,918	1,562,269	1,806,953	1,898,163	1,950,314	2,110,316	2,192,594