

CAPITAL FUNDS of the PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE, and how invested, from 1898 to 31st March, 1903.

	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.	On 31st March, 1903.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
The capital funds of the Public Trust Office amounted to ...	961,638	956,153	1,056,868	1,672,304	1,782,951	1,936,073
Of which the amount held in cash at credit of the Public Trustee's Account was ...	48,667	13,512	27,880	53,925	59,501	74,765
Leaving a balance invested of ...	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450	1,861,308
The investments consisted—						
Of those made by the Public Trustee out of the Common Fund, and amounting to	631,816	653,710	794,987	1,407,419	1,049,885	1,239,027
Of those made by the Public Trustee for estates, and amounting to ...	251,643	264,296	214,411	196,230	667,587	616,798
Of those made by other trustees of properties afterwards transferred to the office	29,512	24,635	19,590	14,730	5,978	5,483
	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450	1,861,308
The capital funds invested were applied to investments—						
In Government securities of the colony, to the amount of ...	251,708	160,308	137,778	607,798	578,323	578,343
In local bodies' securities, to the amount of	7,839	12,839	19,439	19,239	28,129	31,129
In mortgages of real estate, to the amount of	651,160	766,371	871,771	991,261	1,116,998	1,251,836
In fixed deposits, to the amount of ...	380	1,689	...	81
In companies, to the amount of ...	1,884	1,434
Total ...	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450	1,861,308

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 1897 to 1903:—

Class.	Number of Estates.						
	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.	On 31st March, 1903.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts) ..	466	493	538	576	684	651	744
Intestates' estates ..	781	797	821	903	867	923	989
Real estates ..	86	84	79	75	69	69	71
Lunatics' estates ..	510	558	507	555	626	728	802
Native reserves ..	112	112	115	110	110	143	143
West Coast settlement reserves ..	293	293	293	293	293	309	312
Unclaimed lands ..	86	76	138	155	249	226	253
Total ..	2,334	2,413	2,491	2,667	2,898	3,049	3,314

Class.	Value of Estates.						
	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.	On 31st March, 1903.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts) ..	744,742	789,162	865,446	933,567	1,022,838	1,122,404	1,279,743
Intestates' estates ..	88,751	97,140	133,409	136,697	134,820	163,304	197,368
Real estates ..	11,161	10,572	8,414	8,313	7,459	7,317	7,585
Lunatics' estates ..	88,133	85,890	111,793	113,525	159,087	163,306	170,585
Native reserves ..	355,000	355,000	357,500	363,076	363,076	366,000	375,000
West Coast settlement reserves ..	600,000	600,000	620,000	622,604	622,604	625,000	655,000
Unclaimed lands ..	10,376	12,550	13,754	14,812	17,070	20,283	21,504
Total ..	1,898,163	1,950,314	2,110,316	2,192,594	2,326,954	2,467,614	2,706,785