1915. NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE

(REPORT RELATING TO THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly in accordance with Section 47 of the Public Trust Office Amendment Act, 1913.

REPORT.

Pursuant to section 47 of the Public Trust Office Amendment Act, 1913. I have the honour to lay before Parliament the following report of the operations of the Public Trust Office during the financial year ended the 31st March, 1915:—

1. The net profits for the year were £32,508, an increase of £3,286 over those of last year, and the highest in the history of the Office. The growth of the business is shown by the following table, which covers the past six years:—

Year ende l 31st March.	Number on Staff.	Number of Receipts.	Number of Payments.	Number of Estates.	Value of Estates.	Number of Wills de- posited dur- ing the Year.	Capital Funds.	Net Profits.
					£	1	£	£
1909	103	23,414	43,359	5,019	6,399,567	718	2,850,111	10,850
1910	112	25,823	49,613	5,564	7,358,947	844	3,414,168	11,738
1911	138	30,401	54,789	6,112	8,112,342	993	4,287,195	11,241
$1912 \dots$	160	41,159	62,280	6,694	9,493,959	1,024	5,070,305	25,919
1913	182	40,843	65,790	8,496	11,268,311	1,035	5,799,446	27,551
1914	206	45,362	68,406	9,223	12,282,883	1,047	6,366,707	29,222
1915	237	54,633	77,132	9,989	13,580,936	1,572	7,096,420	32,508

The increase in the salary-list for the same period is as follows:—

				Total Salaries.
1909		 		 15,772
1910		 		 16,807
1911		 		 18,444
1912		 		 $\dots 21,722$
1913	• •	 	• •	 $\dots 27,221$
1914		 		 32,837
1915		 • •	• •	 35,219