

STATISTICS RELATIVE TO THE ENEMY PROPERTY AND CLEARING OFFICE WORK.

33. The following is a list of the tables printed in the appendix to this report, containing statistics relating to the work entrusted to the Public Trustee under the War Regulations and the Treaty of Peace Order, 1920. The comparative tables referred to under the last three headings were compiled by the Controller to the Central Clearing Office and published in his Fifth Annual Report :—

- I. Statement of the cash amounts held in New Zealand but not yet credited to the Liquidation Account, and the property not yet liquidated.
- II. Statement of amounts released in New Zealand from the provisions of the War Regulations, the Treaty of Peace Order, 1920, and the Treaty of Peace (Austria and Hungary) Order, 1924.
- III. Statement of the amounts held on the 31st March, 1926, by the Public Trustee as Custodian of Enemy Property and Controller of the New Zealand Clearing Office.
- IV. Statement showing the progress made in New Zealand towards the disposal of Clearing Office claims.
- V. New Zealand Clearing Office Account with the Central Clearing Office— December, 1924, to December, 1925.
- VI. Statement of the position in regard to claims in respect of enemy debts under Article 296 of the Treaty of Versailles owing to Allied creditors by German debtors.
- VII. Statement of the position in regard to claims in respect of enemy debts under Article 296 of the Treaty of Versailles owing to German creditors by Allied debtors.
- VIII. Statement of the position in regard to claims by Allied nationals under Article 297 of the Treaty of Versailles.

A perusal of the statements referred to in paragraphs I to IV above will indicate that considerable progress has been made towards the finalization of the duties entrusted to the Public Trustee. As previously indicated, however, it is difficult, for various reasons, to forecast when the duties will be completed.

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Public Trustee, as Custodian of Enemy Property and
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Wellington, 1st July, 1926.

APPENDIX.

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASH AMOUNTS HELD BUT NOT YET CREDITED TO THE LIQUIDATION ACCOUNT, AND THE PROPERTY NOT YET LIQUIDATED.

	<i>Cash.</i>	£	s.	d.
(1.) Amounts held subject to claims for compassionate releases	6,413	17	7
(2.) Amounts held subject to the settlement of claims under Article 296 of the Treaty of Versailles	116	1	9
(3.) Amounts held subject to the determination of contingencies	17,939	14	2
(4.) Amount held subject to determination of the owner's nationality	176	9	6
		<u>£24,646</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>

Property.

(The amounts shown are approximate only.)

	£	s.	d.
(1.) Interests in estates consisting of assets not realized or not yet realizable—e.g., unpaid purchase-money, mortgages not yet matured, &c.	16,761	0	0
(2.) Property held subject to the determination of contingencies	3,746	0	0
(3.) Property presenting inherent difficulties of realization, such as interests of German remaindermen, &c.	7,630	0	0
	<u>£28,137</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

N.B.—In the above figures no deductions have been made in respect of prior life interests.