

## CAPITAL FUNDS of the PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE, and how Invested, from 1893 to 31st March, 1899.

	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
The capital funds of the Public Trust Office amounted to ... ..	615,663	668,937	774,533	858,638	961,638	956,153
Of which the amount held in cash at credit of the Public Trustee's Account was ... ..	21,326	12,101	16,960	16,664	48,667	13,512
Leaving a balance invested of ... ..	594,337	656,836	757,573	841,974	912,971	942,641
The investments consisted—						
Of those made by the Public Trustee out of the common fund, and amounting to ...	406,220	358,296	492,788	588,483	631,816	653,710
Of those made by the Public Trustee for estates, and amounting to ... ..	144,198	259,279	206,629	205,942	251,643	264,296
Of those made by other trustees of properties afterwards transferred to the office ...	43,919	39,261	58,156	47,549	29,512	24,635
	594,337	656,836	757,573	841,974	912,971	942,641
The capital funds invested were applied to investments—						
In Government securities of the colony, to the amount of ... ..	300,108	295,108	319,108	354,108	251,708	160,308
In local bodies' securities, to the amount of ...	2,067	1,839	1,839	1,839	7,839	12,839
In mortgages of real estate, to the amount of ...	289,680	354,933	432,455	482,206	651,160	766,371
In fixed deposits, to the amount of ... ..	630	444	...	...	380	1,689
In companies, to the amount of ... ..	1,852	4,512	4,171	3,821	1,884	1,434
Total ... ..	594,337	656,836	757,573	841,974	912,971	942,641

## 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 1892 and 1893, and on the 31st March in each of the years 1895 to 1899:—

Class.	Number of Estates.						
	On 31st Dec., 1892.	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts)	354	371	392	447	466	493	538
Intestates' estates .. ..	845	868	850	812	781	797	821
Real estates .. ..	117	117	113	91	86	84	79
Lunatics' estates .. ..	202	271	335	434	510	558	507
Native reserves .. ..	101	102	103	107	112	112	115
West Coast Settlement Reserves .. ..	293	293	293	293	293	293	293
Unclaimed lands .. ..	..	..	..	52	86	76	138
Total .. ..	1,912	2,022	2,086	2,236	2,334	2,413	2,491
Class.	Value of Estates.						
	On 31st Dec., 1892.	On 31st Dec., 1893.	On 31st March, 1895.	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts)	£ 442,671	£ 543,239	£ 586,814	£ 673,478	£ 744,742	£ 789,162	£ 865,446
Intestates' estates .. ..	81,650	84,436	80,287	86,132	88,751	97,140	133,409
Real estates .. ..	22,706	23,465	22,462	14,686	11,161	10,572	8,414
Lunatics' estates .. ..	40,380	51,278	72,706	73,995	88,133	85,890	111,793
Native reserves .. ..	346,499	348,500	350,000	350,000	355,000	355,000	357,500
West Coast Settlement Reserves .. ..	350,839	400,000	450,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	620,000
Unclaimed lands .. ..	..	..	..	8,662	10,376	12,550	18,754
Total .. ..	1,284,755	1,450,918	1,562,269	1,806,953	1,898,163	1,950,314	2,110,316