

## CAPITAL FUNDS of the PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE, and how invested, from 1897 to 31st March, 1902.

	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
The capital funds of the Public Trust Office amounted to ... ..	858,638	961,638	956,153	1,056,868	1,672,304	1,782,951
Of which the amount held in cash at credit of the Public Trustee's Account was ...	16,664	48,667	13,512	27,880	53,925	59,501
Leaving a balance invested of ...	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450
The investments consisted—						
Of those made by the Public Trustee out of the Common Fund, and amounting to ...	588,483	631,816	653,710	794,987	1,407,419	1,049,885
Of those made by the Public Trustee for estates, and amounting to ... ..	205,942	251,643	264,296	214,411	196,230	667,587
Of those made by other trustees of properties afterwards transferred to the office ...	47,549	29,512	24,635	19,590	14,730	5,978
	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450
The capital funds invested were applied to investments—						
In Government securities of the colony, to the amount of ... ..	354,108	251,708	160,308	137,778	607,798	578,323
In local bodies' securities, to the amount of ... ..	1,839	7,839	12,839	19,439	19,239	28,129
In mortgages of real estate, to the amount of ... ..	482,206	651,160	766,371	871,771	991,261	1,116,998
In fixed deposits, to the amount of ... ..	...	380	1,689	...	81	...
In companies, to the amount of ... ..	3,821	1,884	1,434	...	...	...
Total ... ..	841,974	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	1,723,450

## 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, 1896, and on the 31st March on each of the years 1896 to 1902:—

Class.	Number of Estates.						
	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts) .. ..	447	466	493	538	576	684	651
Intestates' estates .. ..	812	781	797	821	903	867	923
Real estates .. ..	91	86	84	79	75	69	69
Lunatics' estates .. ..	434	510	558	507	555	626	728
Native reserves .. ..	107	112	112	115	110	110	143
West Coast settlement reserves .. ..	293	293	293	293	293	293	309
Unclaimed lands .. ..	52	86	76	138	155	249	226
Total .. ..	2,236	2,334	2,413	2,491	2,667	2,898	3,049
Class.	Value of Estates.						
	On 31st March, 1896.	On 31st March, 1897.	On 31st March, 1898.	On 31st March, 1899.	On 31st March, 1900.	On 31st March, 1901.	On 31st March, 1902.
Wills and trusts (including sinking funds accounts) .. ..	£ 673,478	£ 744,742	£ 789,162	£ 865,446	£ 933,567	£ 1,022,838	£ 1,122,404
Intestates' estates .. ..	86,132	88,751	97,140	133,409	136,697	134,320	163,304
Real estates .. ..	14,686	11,161	10,572	8,414	8,313	7,459	7,317
Lunatics' estates .. ..	73,995	88,133	85,890	111,793	113,525	159,087	163,306
Native reserves .. ..	350,000	355,000	355,000	357,500	363,076	363,076	366,000
West Coast settlement reserves .. ..	600,000	600,000	600,000	620,000	622,604	622,604	625,000
Unclaimed lands .. ..	8,662	10,376	12,550	13,754	14,812	17,070	20,283
Total .. ..	1,806,953	1,898,163	1,950,314	2,110,316	2,192,594	2,326,954	2,467,614