1903. ZEALAND. NEW

PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE

(REPORT RELATING TO THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The Public Trustee to the Right Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

Public Trust Office, Wellington, 31st March, 1903. SIR,-I have the honour to submit the annual report relating to the working of the Public Trust Office.

The net profits for the year amounted to £4,325 12s. 9d. The reduced scale of charges was in

operation for nine months of the year.

An experiment on a small scale in receiving documents, &c., for safe deposit will be tried in Wellington. If found successful, the system will be extended to Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

There is an extraordinary amount of ignorance still prevailing as to the functions of the office, notwithstanding its thirty years' existence To overcome this, in a measure, a considerable sum was spent last year in advertising, and a pamphlet was printed and widely circulated showing the advantages of dealing with the institution. From the numerous inquiries received it is evident that this expenditure will in future result in largely-increased business. The expense will not be a recurring one.

It is pleasing to report that several of the office cadets are studying diligently. Four of the successful Wellington candidates at the last Senior Civil Service Examination were junior members of the head office staff. One won the Macmillan Brown Prize of the New Zealand University. Five members of the staff are preparing for the solicitors' examinations.

An examination of the returns will show that the business of the Department is steadily increasing.

The Right Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

I have, &c., J. W. Povnton, Public Trustee.

REVENUE and Expenditure of the Public Trust Office for the Years ended 31st March, 1898 to 1903.

	Year e 31st M 189	arcl		Year e 31st M 189	arol		Ŷear e 31st M 190	arch		Year e 31st M 190	arch,		Year 6 31st M 190	arch,		Year e 31st M 190	arch	
Expenditure.							l		!	<u> </u>					╁			
Salaries Commission to agents	7,673 728					d. 7 3		4	d. 9 8	8,409	10	d. 2 8			5	£ 9,143 1,777	s. 3 15	d. 7 5
Clerical assistance and auditing Legal expenses Stationery, printing, and	244 229					$\frac{6}{4}$		-	0 6			5		-	3	266 208		6 0
office requisites Miscellaneous Unauthorised Deficiency in realisation	408 3,627 254	9		560 4,122 443	0	3 0 10	4,359	18	9		15	6 7	3,396			804 7,265		4 6
of mortgages Balance, being ex-				488	0	6							.,					
cess of revenue	4,766	9	2	4,014	17	. 7	5,973	12	6	5,691	9	5	10,706	9 1	۱ ۱	4,325	12	9
Revenue.	17,933	0	11	19,137	8	10	20,856	13	11	21,347	6	9	25,616	4 1	1 2	3,792	13	1
Commission and charges Interest in excess of amount credited to	8,274	14	6	9,802	18	6	10,415	7	2	11,557	12	10	11,210	3	3 10	0,133	18	3
estates Miscellaneous	8,647 1,010			8,473 860		1 3			$\frac{6}{3}$	8,971 817	18 15				2 1: 3	2,777 881		5 5
	17,933	0	11	19,137	8	10	20,856	13	11	21,347	6	9	25,616	4 1	2	3,792	13	1

^{*} Includes £2,676 12s. 6d. added to Assurance and Reserve Fund, £300 compassionate allowance to widow of late Accountant, and £330 15s. for deposit-safes.

INCOME of the Public Trust Office Year by Year from 1897 to 31st March, 1903.

Class of Estates.	Year e 31st M 189	arch,		Year e 31st M 189	arc			eare st M 189	arc			ear e lst M 190	arch		Year e 31st M 190	arch,		Yea 31st				Year o Blst M 190	[arc]	
	£	s. (a.	£	s.	đ.		£	s.	d.		£ ,888	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£		s. d		£	s.	 d.
Intestates'	1,642	6	9	1,877	14	4	2,	380	2	1	2	,888	13	3	2,845	14	2	3,42	4 1	4 4	2	,867	3	2
Wills, trusts, sinking						_				_			_			_			_					
funds, &c	2,115			2,959				645				400					2					,042	-	_
Real and lunatics'	545		1									135					0			4 8	1	792		9
Native reserves	536	0	2	567	3	1		575	2	5		597	16	7	962	14	6	60	0	9 ()	628	16	7
West Coast settlement																								
reserves	1,345	11	9												1,735		9	1,77	9 1	34	1	,782	7	9
Miscellaneous	1,939	16	9	1,997	6	3	1,	986	4	3	1,	444	7	4	1,976	0	1	1,98	7	3 8	1	,901	17	2
	8,124	7	6	9.285	q	11	10	663	17		11	021	9	5	12,375	- 8	Q.	11.98	7 1	5 0	11	.015	1	<u>Ω</u>
Interest	6,376			8,647								835			8,971			13,67				,777		5
Total income	14,500	12	8	17,933	0	11	19.	137	8	10	20.	856	13	11	21,347	6	9	${25.61}$	6 4	111	23	.792	13	1
	13,569			13,471											15,655			14,90						4

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	1,936,078
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 Of those made by other trustees of proper-	'					
ties 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—						
	251,708		137,778		578,323	578,343
In local bodies' securities, to the amount of		12,839	19,439	19,239		31,129
In mortgages of real estate, to the amount of In fixed deposits, to the amount of	$\frac{651,160}{380}$		871,771	991,261 81	1,116,998	1,201,836
In fixed deposits, to the amount of In companies, to the amount of	1,884				•••	•••
Total	912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,618,379	$\phantom{00000000000000000000000000000000000$	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:—

			Nu	mber of Esta	ites.		
Class.	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
			V	alue of Estat	6 8.		
Class.	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	1						
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

The Government Loans to Local Bodies Sinking Fund.

(Placed under control of Public Trustee by Section 5 of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1892.")

Amounts received by the Public Trustee.

Duri	During the Year ended 31st March.					from und.	Net Incor Investr		Total Receipts during each Year.		
			£ s.	d.	£ s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	8.	d.
1893			14,000 0	0	7,015 11	9			21,015	11	.9
1894			20,528 19	7	4,494 1	5	1,058	16 0	26,081	17	0
1895			11,406 13	7	3,802 4	6	2,148	0 7	17,356	18	8
1896			13,384 18	0	4,461 12	7	2,958	3 3	20,804	13	10
1897			14,960 1	10	4.986 14	0	3,651	3 11	23,597	19	9
1898			16,496 3	8	5,498 14	6	4,477	3 5	26,472	1	7
1899			17,866 7	8	5.9559	2	5,942	8 3	29,764	5	1
1900			19,245 9	8	6,415 3	2	8,049	0 7	33,709	13	5
1901	•••		19,541 1	2	7.127 - 6	8	8,314	6 6	34,982	14	4
1902			20,901 2	5	7.997 7	4	9.472	18 11	38,371	8	8
1903	•••	•••	23,641 8	10	9,204 14	9	10,354	4 9	43,200	8	4
	Total	•••	191,972 6	5	66,958 19	10	56,426	6 2	315,357	12	5

"The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894," Debenture Sinking Fund.

Statement showing Principal Moneys paid over to the Public Trustee, and Amounts withdrawn for Reinvestment.

	the Year ends the March.	nded	Amounts received by Public Trustee from Superintendent.	Net Income from Investment withdrawn by Superintendent.	Amounts of Principal withdrawn by Superintendent for Reinvestment.	Credit			
			£ s. đ.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
1896	•••		3,369 12 7	20 17 3		3,369 12 7			
1897	•••		23,843 17 6	435 1 7		27,213 10 1			
1898			71,187 19 8	2,112 5 3		98,401 9 9			
1899			104,473 0 2	1,177 8 0	171,284 13 10	31,589 16 1			
1900	• - •		136,532 5 10	1,221 13 1	118,443 6 8	49,678 15 3			
1901			155,237 9 6	1.912 2 8	134,076 8 4	70,839 16 5			
1902			172,268 12 3	2,689 12 11	147.154 1 3	95,954 7 5			
1903	•••		257,443 12 10	2,579 1 7	227,530 12 5	125,867 7 10			

31st March, 1903, the Capital of the Public Trust Office, and how invested, and the Income and EXPENDITURE of the Office. 2 STATEMENT showing Year by Year, from 1886

	Total Expen-	DITURE OF OFFICE.		¥	8,995	8,653 9,145	8,469	$(^{\circ})11,701$ $(^{\circ})14,001$	(3)15,132	(*)17,289	(5)14,902	$(^{\circ})13,569$ $(^{7})13,472$	(*)16,314	$^{(9)}15,887$	12,656	(10)19,467
			Total.	3	9,981	11,220	9,161	12,090	14,697	19,229	15,242	14,500 17,933	19,137		25,616	28,792
INCOME OF	TROST	Surplus	on Invest- ments.	Ŧ	2,884	4,012	3,080	4,508 6.177	7,370	10,163	7,560	6,376 8,648	8,473	9,835	5,972 13,678	12,777
INC	OFFICE OF THE OFFICE OF	Commis-	sion, Charges, &c.	₹	7,097	7,208	6,081	5,913	7,327	990,6	7,682	$8,124 \\ 9,285$	10,664	11,022	11,938	11,015
			Total.	¥	267,526	366,886	478,895	505,549 551,101	594,337	656,836	757,573	841,974 912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,723,450	1,861,308
		Shares	in Com- panies.	¥	: :	÷:	1,608	1,285	1,852	4,512	4,171	3,821 1,884	1,434		: :	:
	ni be	Fixed	Deposits in Banks.	¥	100	60 59 792	60,001	00,319	630	444	:	380	1,689	:	ī :	:
	Invested in	Mort-	gages of Bree-		114,183	144,783	215,909	253,070	289,680	354,933	432,455	$\frac{482,206}{651,160}$	766,371	871,771	1,116,998	1,251,836
		Local		ಈ	1,907	1,607	2,174	2,067	2,067	1,889	1,839	1,839	12,839	19,439	19,259 28,129	31,129
ICE.			ment Securi- ties.	ವೇ	151,336	220,436 219,208	199,208	188,608 269,608	300,108	295,108	319,108	354,108 251,708	160,308	137,778	578,323	578,343
RUST OFF		Total Common Fund	and Special.	વર	267,526 301,226	366,886 469,789	478,895	505,349 551.101	594,337	656,836	757,573	841,974 912,971	942,641	1,028,988	1,018,579	1,861,308
OF THE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE		0	Total.	ಇ	84,916	162,029 245,839		253,070 142.870		298,540	264,785	253,491 281,155		234,001	$\frac{210,960}{673,565}$	622,281
	Total.	Specially.	By Former Trustees.	ಘ	12,550	48,380	46,787	44,882	48,919	39,261	58,156	47,549 29,512	24,635	19,590	14,750 5,978	5,483
CAPITAL	Invested T	ν.	By Public Trustee.	વ્ય	72,366	113,649	232,486	208,188 96,072	144,198	259,279	206,629	205,942 251,643	264,296	214,411	190,230 667,587	616,798
		5	u .		182,610	204,857	198,622	252,279 408,231	406,220	358,296	492,788 206,629	588,483 631,816				
	·	x early Increase or		ಞ	Increase. 32,455	71,599	30,115	29,408 43.792	48,602	53,274	105,596	84,105	Decrease. 5,485		$\frac{561,511}{110,647}$	153,122 1,239,027
		Total.		ಈ	274,509 309 541	381,140 463,746	493,861	523,269 567.061	615,663	668,937	774,533	858,638 961,638		_	782,951	936,073
		In Invest-	ments.	3	267,526			505,349 551,101		656,836	757,578	841,974 912,971		27,880 1,028,988 1,056,868	59,501 1,723,450 1,782,951	74,765 1,861,808 1,936,073
		nI de de	Cash	3	6,983					12,101	16,960	16,664 48,667	18,512	27,880 1,	59,5011,	74,765 1,
				-	1886 1886	1888	1890	,, 1892	1893	Fifteen months ended 31st March, 1895	Year ended 31st March 1896	- -	1899	1900	: :	, 1908

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (2,375 copies), #6.

⁽⁴⁾ Including £2,880 on account of expenses of Royal Commission, and £1,717 on account of deficiency on realisation of mortgages.

2) Including £1,586 on account of expenses of Royal Commission, and £1,717 on account of deficiency on realisation of mortgages, and £470 for unauthorised expenditure.

3) Including £3,40 on account of deficiency on realisation of mortgages, and £470 for unauthorised expenditure, and £822 for Assurance and Reserve Fund.

4) Including £1,572 on account of deficiency on realisation of mortgages, and £61 for unauthorised expenditure, and £820 for Assurance and Reserve Fund.

(7) Including £135 on account of deficiency on realisation of mortgages, and £43 for unauthorised expenditure, and £1,192 for Assurance and Reserve Fund.

(8) Including £180 on account of deficiency on realisation of mortgages, and £43 for unauthorised expenditure, and £1,192 for Assurance and Reserve Fund.

(9) Including £180 on account of deficiency on realisation of mortgages, and £43 for unauthorised expenditure, and £1,192 for Assurance and Reserve Fund.

(9) Including £190 on account of deficiency on realisation of mortgages, and £43 for unauthorised expenditure, and £90 for Assurance and Reserve Fund.