

INCOME-TAX.

33. Income-tax paid during the year on the assessable income of the Office for the year ended 31st March, 1922, amounted to £2,646.

COMPARATIVE TABLE INDICATING THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE DURING THE DECENNIAL PERIOD 1914-23.

Year ended 31st March.	Total Value of Estates in Office, including Unrealized Assets.	Funds at Cred. t of Estates and Accounts.	Interest credited to Estates.	Bonus granted to Estates.	Gross Income.	Office Reserves.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1914	12,282,883	6,366,707	230,062	..	82,517	212,901
1915	13,580,936	7,096,420	256,806	..	88,296	250,213
1916	13,598,744	7,082,288	281,700	25,000	103,763	302,369
1917	15,065,583	8,058,886	287,818	27,000	129,008	295,234
1918	17,153,031	9,004,057	317,633	30,000	162,614	345,871
1919	19,242,347	10,065,027	352,783	33,100	194,452	393,377
1920	20,860,686	11,911,290	420,526	38,000	240,469	418,640
1921	22,364,319	13,918,906	537,890	..	244,090	437,414
1922	25,497,779	15,329,125	556,587	..	220,794	451,585
1923	28,904,798	17,466,787	642,447	..	246,692	491,775
Increase in preceding 12 months	3,407,019	2,137,662	85,860	..	25,898	40,190

STAFF.

PRINCIPAL STAFF CHANGES.

34. The resignation of Mr. M. C. Barnett as Assistant Public Trustee was accepted as from the 23rd January, 1923, on the completion of a period of forty years' service, almost the whole of which was spent in the service of the Public Trust Office.

The vacancy occasioned by Mr. Barnett's retirement was filled by the appointment of Mr. H. Turner, who had for some time past occupied the position of Chief Inspector.

Mr. A. Purdie was promoted to the position of Chief Inspector in succession to Mr. Turner.

Mr. G. H. Chesterman, District Public Trustee, Hamilton, resigned, the vacancy being filled by the transfer of Mr. F. J. E. Moore from the Christchurch Office.

Mr. S. J. Smith, Assistant Chief Accountant, Head Office, was transferred to Masterton in succession to Mr. T. G. Gilbert, who is now attached to the staff of the Wellington District Office.

35. The following statement indicates the number of staff engaged in the work of the Department on the 31st March, 1922 and 1923, at the Head Office and at the District Offices:—

HEAD OFFICE.

<i>On 31st March, 1922.</i>				<i>On 31st March, 1923.</i>			
	Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.
Permanent ..	100	44	144	Permanent ..	103	38	141
Temporary ..	6	1	7	Temporary ..	4	2	6
			— 151				— 147

DISTRICT OFFICES.

<i>On 31st March, 1922.</i>				<i>On 31st March, 1923.</i>			
	Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.
Permanent ..	318	77	395	Permanent ..	302	70	372
Temporary ..	1	10	11	Temporary ..	1	16	17
			— 406				— 389
			557				536