Another five days of fine weather commenced on the 19th as an anticyclone to the south-west extended its influence over the country. Later the main centre moved slowly north-eastwards just off the east coast. Barometers were still high over New Zealand on the 24th and 25th, but welcome rain was reported on the Southland coast and in some eastern districts during the northward passage of a weak trough. Pressures soon commenced to rise rapidly far to the south-west, and at the same time a depression developed near the Chatham Islands. As a result on the 26th and 27th a rather cold south-easterly airstream covered most of the country, bringing further rain on the east coast.

The anticyclone which had developed far to the south-west moved rapidly north-eastwards and was centred east of the South Island by the 28th. During its slow eastward passage on the last four days of the year holiday makers in most districts benefited from a spell of fine weather. However, a tropical cyclone south-east of Noumea was moving slowly southwards, and in Northland easterly winds of strong to gale force were reported, with frequent periods of light rain, mainly on the east coast.

M. A. F. BARNETT, Director.

(N.Z. Met. S. Misc. Pub. 107)

Election to Administer Estates Under Public Trust Office Act 1908, and Amendments

PURSUANT to the Public Trust Office Act 1908, and amendments, the Public Trustee has filed in the Supreme Court an election to administer in respect of the several estates of the persons deceased whose names, residences, and occupations (so far as known) are set out hereunder:

No.	Name	Occupation	Residence	Date of Death	Date Election Filed	Testate or Intestate	Stamp Office Concerned
1	Bell, Marjorie Mary	Divorced woman	Papatoetoe	28/9/55	12/1/56	Intestate	Auckland
2	Bennett, Leonora	Widow	Auckland	29/6/55	12/1/56	Testate	,,
3	Brown, James	Retired tramway-board employee	Christchurch	1/12/55	17/1/56	,,	Christchurch
4	Buglass, Jessie	Married woman	Palmerston North	11/12/55	16/1/56	Intestate	Palmerston N.
5	Carr, John Joseph	Retired general labourer	Rangiora	6/10/55	17/1/56	,,	Christchurch
6	Francois, Gordon	Grocer's assistant	Brightwater	11/12/55	13/1/56	Testate	Nelson
7	Garvin, Suffern	Harbour-board employee	New Plymouth	25/11/55	12/1/56	,,	New Plymouth
8	Goffin, Jane	Married woman	Clive	12/12/55	12/1/56	Intestate	Napier
9	Greig, Rose	,,	Invercargill	5/10/55	18/1/56	Testate	Invercargill
10	Haydon, Henry	Retired carpenter	Christchurch	18/12/55	17/1/56	,,	Christchurch
11	Jones, Edward Mills	Retired commercial traveller	,,	1/5/52	17/1/56	Intestate	,,
12	Kent, George Horatio	Retired dairy inspector	Onehunga	19/11/55	12/1/56	,,	Auckland
13	McCormick, Janet Cook Guthrie	Married woman	Tarakohe	27/5/55	13/1/56	,,	Nelson
14	McCormick, Neil Alexander	Seaman	,,	7/11/55	13/1/56	,,	,,
15	Macleod, Kenneth Malcolm Mackenzie	Merchant seaman	Wellington	22/11/55	18/1/56	,,	Wellington
16	McMurray, Alfred Thomas	Retired carpenter	Formerly Bulls, late Palmerston North	8/12/55	13/1/56	Testate	Palmerston N.
17	Moog, Alice Louise	Widow	New Plymouth	18/10/55	12/1/56	Intestate	New Plymouth
18	Stevenson, George Kershaw	Formerly milk vendor, late clerk	Formerly Blenheim, late Wellington	27/11/55	18/1/56	Testate	Wellington
19	Townsend, Winnie Helen	Married woman	Auckland	21/9/55	12/1/56	Intestate	Auckland
20	Wales, Elizabeth	Widow	Wellington	8/12/55	18/1/56	Testate	Wellington
21	Wood, James Henry	Clerk	,,	1/4/33	12/1/56	Intestate	New Plymouth

Public Trust Office, Wellington, 24 January 1956.

G. E. TURNEY, Public Trustee.

RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY 1956

Liabilities

	£	s.	d.
2. General Reserve Fund	1,500,000	0	0
3. Bank notes	72,379,001	0	0
4. Demand liabilities—			
(*a*) State—			
(i) Government Marketing Accounts	1,517,691	12	6
(ii) Other	10,312,480	7	8
(*b*) Banks	61,874,720	14	9
(*c*) Other—			
(i) Marketing organizations	359,120	10	6
(ii) Other demand liabilities	531,944	14	8
5. Time deposits	.....		
6. Liabilities in currencies other than New Zealand currency	111,056	16	10
7. Other liabilities	8,113,195	19	2
£(N.Z.)	156,699,211	16	1

Assets

	£	s.	d.
8. Reserve—			
(*a*) Gold	6,161,557	11	10
(*b*) Sterling exchange*	28,207,043	16	8
(*c*) Gold exchange	.....		
(*d*) Other exchange	482,800	11	7
9. Subsidiary coin	604,313	14	0
10. Discounts—			
(*a*) Commercial and agricultural bills	.....		
(*b*) Treasury and local body bills	.....		
11. Advances—			
(*a*) To the State or State undertakings—			
(i) Government Marketing Accounts	479,005	3	8
(ii) For other purposes	51,866,715	19	5
(*b*) To other public authorities	.....		
(*c*) Other—			
(i) Marketing organizations	13,869,830	10	2
(ii) Other advances	12,993,749	18	11
12. Investments—			
(*a*) Sterling*	22,890,974	9	3
(*b*) Other	18,386,891	7	0
13. Bank buildings	.....		
14. Other assets	756,328	13	7
£(N.Z.)	156,699,211	16	1

*Expressed in New Zealand currency.

W. R. EGGERS, Chief Accountant.