## 1887. ZEALAND. NEW

## LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1886-1887.)

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

The Secretary for Stamps to the Hon. the Commissioner of Stamps.

Sir,—

Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 10th May, 1887.

I have the honour to submit the following returns showing the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended the 31st March, 1887:—

A.—The business transacted under the Land Transfer Acts.

B.—The fees received thereunder, including the fees received on account of Crown grants.

C.—The mortgages and discharges of mortgages, and the amount remaining secured by mortgage under the said Acts on the 31st March last.

D.—The arrears existing at the various Land Transfer Offices at the close of business on the same date.

E.—The number of deeds received for registration, and the number remaining unregistered on the 31st March last; also the fees received in the Deeds Registration Offices.

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The Hon. the Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

Secretary for Stamps.

STATEMENT of Business transacted under the Land Transfer Acts during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1887.

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B.—Return of Fees received under the Land Transfer Acts for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1887.

	District.						Land Assurance	Total.		
					£ s.	d.	£ s.	d.	£ s.	d.
$\mathbf{Auckland}$		•••			$2,596\ 15$	0	<b>54</b> 3 <b>3</b>	3	3,139 18	3
Taranaki		• • •			668   9	4	$89  ext{ } 4$	9	757 14	1
Wellington		•••			2,621 $2$	7	270 - 0	8	2,891 3	3
Hawke's B	ay				$1,602\ 11$	0	$240 \ 10$	0	1,843, 1	0
Nelson	•••				$680 \ 12$	$0 \cdot ]$	189 <b>1</b> 9	$1 \mid$	869 11	1
Marlboroug	gh				237 - 3	6	$28 \ 17$	5	266   0	11
Canterbury					2,228   5	2	317 1	6	2,545 6	8
Otago					4,671 2	6	803 11	6	5,474 14	0
Southland					1,687 13	0	176 - 4	4	1,863 17	4
Westland	•••	•••	• • •	• • •	177 4	7	7 14	3	184 18	10
•	Totals	•••	•••		17,170 18	8*	2,666 6	9	19,836 5	5
Correspond	ing peri	od 1885–8	6		22,314 1	9†	5,816 12	3	28,130 14	0

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 13s. district agency fees and £811 11s. 7d. Crown-grant fees.

C.—Return showing the Total Amount of Money remaining secured by Mortgages under the Land Transfer Acts on the 31st March, 1887.

District.	Amount remaining			Amount secured by			Amount of Mort-			Amount remaining		
	secured by Mort-			Mortgage during			gages paid off			secured by Mort-		
	gage on			the Year ended			during the same			gage on		
	31st March, 1886.			31st March, 1887.			Period.			31st March, 1887.		
Auckland Taranaki Wellington Hawke's Bay Nelson Marlborough Canterbury Otago Southland Westland Totals  Corresponding period 1885–86	£ 2,958,744 500,578 2,795,900 1,935,109 497,177 224,236 9,753,382 5,470,314 3,505,280 94,644 27,735,370	1 17 10 18 4 10 17 19 8	7 5 3 0	8,857	15	2 2 8 0 1 0	£ 382,509 35,086 229,393 392,624 29,725 23,561 654,548 322,881 178,064 4,150 2,252,542 3,260,660	18 0 0 18 0 0 0 1	d. 0 3 0 0 7 1 0 0 0 1 7	£ 3,104,589 524,715 3,177,726 2,283,196 551,686 301,977 10,313,049 5,697,611 3,762,499 99,351 29,816,405	8 1 12 18 15 19 17 16 8	d. 2 4 6 7 5 3 4 7 6 2

D.—Return showing Work in Arrear in the Land Transfer Department on the 31st March, 1887.

District.	with	Applications detained for Examination in the Survey Office.	during the	Applications received previously, not yet passed.	Unregistered Instruments awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Unregistered Instruments detained in the Survey Office.	of Title due but
Auckland	11	37			11	18	6
Taranaki	6	2	1				
Wellington	30	1			26		
Hawke's Bay	20	11			·		5
Nelson	6	3				4	
Marlborough	3						
Canterbury	16	1			45		11
Otago	19		4	2	14	$^{2}$	3
Southland	6				5		1
Westland	1	•••		·	2	•••	
Totals	118	55	5	2	103	24	26

<sup>†</sup> Includes £1,099 2s. 11d. Crown-grant fees.

## Other Instruments unrecorded.

				Otago.	Canterbury.	Westland.
Transfers				 7	13	
Mortgages				 6.	. 11	
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Sundries				 2	12	
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E.—Return showing the Number of Deeds remaining unregistered on the 31st March, 1886, the Number received for Registration and the Number registered during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1887; also the Number remaining unregistered on that Date, and the Amount of Fees collected for the same Period.

	District.			Unrecorded on 31st March, 1886.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1887.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on the 31st March, 1887.	Fees.
				7.40	4 200		710	£ s. d.
Auckland	• • •	• • •		140	4,392	4,420	112	4,408 13 3
Taranaki	• • •			40	493	487	46	515 7 6
Wellington				197	2,213	2,388	22	12,427 17 7
Hawke's B	ay			107	1,139	-1,042	204	1,400 8 6
${ m Nelson}$				32	621	575	78	610 5 3
Marlboroug	gh			65	531	596		609 3 0
Canterbury				. 54	1,874	1,882	46	$2,231 \ 14 \ 0$
Otago				15	1,345	1,337	23	1,500 12 0
Southland					365	365		410 18 3
Westland		•••		•••	50	35	15	96 5 6
	Totals	•••	•••	650	13,023	13,127	546	*14,211 4 10

<sup>\*</sup> Includes £663 9s., Crown-grant fees.

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<sup>†</sup> Includes £1 5s., district agency fees.