

SESS. II.—1891.
NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1890-91.)

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, 1st June, 1891.

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, 1891:—

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.

I have, &c.,

C. A. HICKSON,

Secretary for Stamps.

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

A.—STATEMENT of Business transacted under the Land Transfer Acts during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1891.

DISTRICT.	APPLICATIONS.				TRANSFERS.				MORTGAGES.					
	No.	AREA.		Value £ s. d.	No.	AREA.		Value. £ s. d.	No.	AREA.		Value. £ s. d.		
		Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.			
Auckland	58	A. R. P.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	A. R. P.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	
Taranaki	26	2 0 13	1,477	0 1	6,726	10 0	376	74,648	0 9	46 2 12	104,963	1 23	148,143	13 11
Wellington	64	17 2 11	4,773	0 4	56,983	0 0	1,502	202,801	2 19	669,777	7 1	2,275	688,950	0 0
Hawke's Bay	9	9 0 22	2,383	3 3	9,320	0 0	554	202,644	3 31	300,301	19 2	393	602,490	0 0
Nelson	13	7 0 9	1,210	1 22	12,645	0 0	342	49,582	2 6	72,844	18 2	231	92,042	1 4
Marlborough	5	4 3 11	77	0 19	2,177	0 0	96	32,360	2 14	79,791	17 3	78	30,256	2 0
Canterbury	234	270 3 6	10,957	1 27	207,381	0 0	1,682	260,204	2 0	868,893	7 0	1,358	1,042,700	0 0
Otago	35	20 1 34	659	2 5	31,624	0 0	950	79,054	3 36	238,657	15 6	341	291,304	0 0
Southland	41	11 1 26	2,182	0 38	8,001	0 0	520	59,083	2 19	141,006	18 3	300	145,305	18 11
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	85	5,542	3 15	4,825	2 0	44	10,629	7 2
Totals	485	351 1 10	39,114	3 39	386,944	10 0	6,801	1,106,745	1 19	2,797,209	19 2	5,005	3,412,489	2 6
Corresponding period 1889-90	456	164 3 8	38,135	3 1	349,634	7 5	6,506	922,358	3 30	2,388,913	7 5	4,941	3,591,605	5 11

DISTRICT.	CROWN GRANTS.				TRANSFERS.				MORTGAGES.														
	Number.	AREA.		Value. £ s. d.	Caveats.	Registration Ab- stracts.	Powers of Attorney	Revocation Order.	Searches.	Searches, General.	Caveats against Dealing.	Plans, &c., deposited.	Trust Deeds, &c., deposited.	Leases.	Incumbrances.	Certificates issued.	Transmissions.						
		Town and Suburban.	Country.															Town and Suburban.	Country.	Town and Suburban.	Country.	Town and Suburban.	Country.
Auckland	1	A. R. P.	A.	R. P.	£ s. d.	6	..	48	..	994	30	44	63	3	34	2	628	.. 35					
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	159	7	8	13	..	189	..	236	..
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	..	901	36	40	40	..	44	..	1,226	..
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	686	92	27	54	7	113	..	501	..
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	113	7	5	5	..	10	..	278	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	71	4	1	8	..	1	..	60	..
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	2,240	234	62	34	3	217	1	1,021	990
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	769	53	37	54	17	217	..	511	..
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	344	29	13	1	3	109	..	241	..
Westland	58	0 0 30	1,621	3 5	..	..	..	2	..	17	2	1	..	..	67	..	38	..
Totals	59	0 0 30	1,658	0 5	..	28	..	328	..	6,294	434	238	272	41	1,001	3	3,740	1,025					
Corresponding period 1889-90	20	1 1 30	13,623	0 38	16,977	0 0	11	2	320	6,773	508	291	348	58	1,456	5	5,246	82					

B.—RETURN OF FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1891.

District.	General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	1,886	5	0	92	8	5	1,978	13	5
Taranaki ...	865	4	0	34	4	7	899	8	7
Wellington ...	3,449	0	7	204	9	1	3,653	9	8
Hawke's Bay ...	1,318	6	2	32	5	8	1,350	11	10
Nelson ...	522	7	0	39	17	4	562	4	4
Marlborough ...	188	14	0	8	12	5	197	6	5
Canterbury ...	4,518	0	1	441	1	4	4,959	1	5
Otago ...	1,859	6	4	66	13	9	1,926	0	1
Southland ...	1,042	16	8	41	8	1	1,084	4	9
Westland ...	184	6	9	1	2	3	185	9	0
Totals ...	15,834	6	7*	962	2	11	16,796	9	6
Corresponding period 1889-90 ...	15,796	14	5†	1,611	7	0	17,408	1	5

NOTE.—Includes Crown-grant and district agency fees: * £277 3s. 1d.; † £416 13s. 8d.

C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGE under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS on the 31st March, 1891.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1890.			Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.			Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.			Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1891.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	3,370,121	6	3	360,667	19	2	246,887	0	0	3,483,902	5	5
Taranaki ...	600,982	0	10	148,143	13	11	88,675	6	8	660,450	8	1
Wellington ...	3,735,601	0	0	688,950	0	0	417,671	0	0	4,006,880	0	0
Hawke's Bay ...	3,234,951	16	7	602,490	0	0	348,957	0	0	3,488,484	16	7
Nelson ...	549,315	4	11	92,042	1	4	49,552	0	0	591,805	6	3
Marlborough ...	263,421	16	6	30,256	2	0	41,216	3	3	252,461	15	3
Canterbury ...	9,588,091	8	0	1,042,700	0	0	838,101	0	0	9,792,690	8	0
Otago ...	4,093,236	0	0	291,304	0	0	360,849	0	0	4,023,691	0	0
Southland ...	3,580,333	13	1	145,305	18	11	175,641	0	7	3,549,998	11	5
Westland ...	70,434	9	4	10,629	7	2	7,197	19	0	73,865	17	6
Totals ...	29,086,488	15	6	3,412,489	2	6	2,574,747	9	6	29,924,230	8	6
Corresponding period 1889-90 ...	28,974,034	18	5	3,591,605	5	11	3,479,151	8	10	29,086,488	15	6

D.—RETURN showing WORK in ARREAR in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1891.

District.	Applications awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Applications detained for Examination in the Survey Office.	Applications (other than those already mentioned) received during the Month not yet passed.	Unregistered Instruments awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Unregistered Instruments detained in the Survey Office.	Certificates of Title due but not issued.
Auckland ...	9	12	...	13	11	5
Taranaki ...	10	...	...	...	...	...
Wellington ...	33	...	...	37	2	5
Hawke's Bay ...	23	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson ...	4	1	...	...	...	...
Marlborough ...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	18	2	3	37	...	22
Otago ...	19	...	...	9	8	4
Southland ...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	121	15	3	86	21	36

NOTE.—Other instruments unrecorded: Auckland—Transfers, 14; mortgages, 10; mortgages discharged, 5; leases, 1; miscellaneous, 3. Canterbury—Transfers, 37; mortgages, 26; miscellaneous, 34. Otago—Transfers, 7; mortgages, 8; mortgages discharged, 10; leases, 5. Westland—Certificates in lieu of grants on Governor's warrants, 5.

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1890; the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION, and the NUMBER REGISTERED, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1891; also the NUMBER remaining on that date; and the AMOUNT of FEES collected for the same Period.

District.			Unrecorded on 31st March, 1890.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1891.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on the 31st March, 1891.	Fees.		
							£	s.	d.
Auckland	...	...	134	3,069	3,062	141	3,159	13	11
Taranaki	...	...	15	475	481	9	519	11	0
Wellington	...	...	16	1,678	1,672	22	1,809	7	7
Hawke's Bay	...	...	104	809	823	90	961	16	0
Nelson	...	...	12	512	519	5	528	1	0
Marlborough	...	...	9	373	377	5	400	12	0
Canterbury	...	...	56	1,539	1,589	6	1,719	1	0
Otago	...	...	49	1,262	1,303	8	1,365	0	6
Southland	...	...	...	194	194	...	227	2	3
Westland	...	...	...	33	33	...	33	18	6
Totals	...	...	395	9,944	10,053	286	£10,724	3	9*

						£	s.	d.
* Includes Crown-grant fees	335	13	9
Includes district-agency fees	13	14	0
						£349	7	9

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