SESS. II.—1897. NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1896-97.)

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

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

Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 16th June, 1897. I have the honour to submit the following returns showing the working of the Land Sir,-Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended 31st March, 1897.

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

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

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,

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

Secretary for Stamps.