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# 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.

SIR,—

Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 16th June, 1897.

I have the honour to submit the following returns showing the working of the Land 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 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.



B.—RETURN of FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1897.

District.	General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ... ..	3,084	5	4	119	5	8	3,203	11	0
Taranaki ... ..	1,704	19	7	28	10	11	1,733	10	6
Wellington ... ..	5,410	8	11	260	7	7	5,670	16	6
Hawke's Bay ... ..	1,749	18	9	42	15	4	1,792	14	1
Poverty Bay (three months only) ... ..	145	14	0	1	19	9	147	13	9
Nelson ... ..	582	8	0	44	10	5	626	18	5
Marlborough ... ..	206	8	0	0	18	2	207	6	2
Canterbury ... ..	5,259	9	4	501	15	2	5,761	4	6
Otago ... ..	2,273	12	1	62	15	6	2,336	7	7
Southland ... ..	1,607	19	5	19	12	9	1,627	12	2
Westland ... ..	195	9	0	1	12	8	197	1	8
Totals ... ..	22,220	12	5*	1,084	3	11	23,304	16	4
Corresponding period, 1895-96 ... ..	20,657	8	9†	1,073	12	10	21,731	1	7

NOTE.—Includes Crown-grant and district-agency fees: \* £175 17s.; † £166 6s. 6d.

C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGE under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS on the 31st March, 1897.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1896.			Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1897.			Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.			Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1897.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ... ..	4,020,620	2	1	405,564	8	6	1,454,825	8	5	2,971,359	2	2
Taranaki ... ..	1,376,969	13	7	372,598	13	0	206,610	14	8	1,542,957	11	11
Wellington ... ..	6,220,390	0	0	1,253,906	12	6	917,566	0	0	6,556,730	12	6
Hawke's Bay ... ..	4,216,167	0	8	611,068	0	6	519,689	0	0	4,307,546	1	2
Poverty Bay ... ..	...	...	...	48,513	0	0	9,902	0	0	38,611	0	0
Nelson ... ..	866,430	12	0	66,176	16	5	47,827	11	3	884,779	17	2
Marlborough ... ..	270,524	13	4	62,106	18	3	84,087	0	0	248,544	11	7
Canterbury ... ..	8,802,384	8	0	1,191,786	0	0	1,350,386	0	0	8,643,784	8	0
Otago ... ..	2,857,720	0	0	373,148	0	0	393,251	0	0	2,837,617	0	0
Southland ... ..	2,935,661	19	6	346,325	15	11	269,407	0	0	3,012,580	15	5
Westland ... ..	72,981	0	1	12,627	0	0	17,198	0	0	68,410	0	1
Totals ... ..	31,639,849	9	3	4,743,821	5	1	5,270,749	14	4	31,112,921	0	0
Corresponding period, 1895-96 ... ..	30,571,678	6	10	4,702,551	17	6	3,634,380	15	1	31,639,849	9	3

D.—RETURN showing ARREARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1897.

District.	Applications awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Applications detained for Examination in the Survey Office.	Applications (other than those already mentioned) received during the Month and not yet passed.	Unregistered Instruments awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Unregistered Instruments detained in the Survey Office.	Certificates of Title due but not issued.	Applications received previous to Current Month not yet passed.
Auckland ... ..	49	18	5	6	9	13	...
Taranaki ... ..	...	...	6	...	...	...	...
Wellington ... ..	26	...	...	67	1	61	...
Hawke's Bay ... ..	3	...	...	...	...	3	...
Poverty Bay ... ..	6	...	...	...	...	5	...
Nelson ... ..	4	...	...	2	...	1	...
Marlborough ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canterbury ... ..	20	4	...	33	...	31	...
Otago ... ..	5	...	...	10	8	6	...
Southland ... ..	4	...	1	...	...	3	...
Westland ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ... ..	117	22	12	118	18	123	...

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Wellington ... ..	48	54	55
Christchurch ... ..	16	14	35
Otago ... ..	2	5	...

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1896; the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION, and the NUMBER REGISTERED, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1897; also the NUMBER REMAINING on that date; and the AMOUNT of FEES collected during the same Period.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1896.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1897.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on 31st March, 1897.	Fees.
Auckland ... ..	152	3,949	3,880	194	£ s. d. 3,860 17 3
Taranaki ... ..	19	846	842	23	775 14 9
Wellington ... ..	31	2,359	2,322	54	2,475 19 2
Hawke's Bay ... ..	73	886	845	96	1,003 0 0
Poverty Bay ... ..	...	17	17	...	18 7 6
Nelson ... ..	10	535	540	5	489 16 0
Marlborough ... ..	...	360	360	...	405 16 6
Canterbury ... ..	43	1,513	1,528	19	1,655 0 9
Otago ... ..	73	1,381	1,445	9	1,398 16 0
Southland ... ..	9	326	297	38	365 2 6
Westland ... ..	...	51	51	...	51 7 6
Totals ... ..	410	12,223	12,127	438	£12,499 17 11*

				£ s. d.
* Includes Crown-grant fees .. ..	..	..	..	221 2 5
Includes district-agency fees, &c. ..	..	..	..	23 14 0
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