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NEW ZEALAND.

## LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1898-99.)

*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, 5th May, 1899.

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, 1899 :—

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 Act 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, &amp;c.,

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

C. A. HICKSON,  
Secretary for Stamps.

A.—STATEMENT of BUSINESS transacted under the LAND TRANSFER ACT during the Year ended the 31st March, 1899.

DISTRICT.	APPLICATIONS.				TRANSFERS.				MORTGAGES.			
	No.	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.
		Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.	
Auckland	89	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1,652	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1,178	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.
Taranaki	32	13 0 3	3,355 0 19	58,068 0 6	912 1 19	238,406 1 32	412,428 6 8	309,105 0 1	771 3 14	309,105 0 1	442,960 14 2	
Wellington	108	39 3 12	20,731 3 0	18,215 0 0	715 163 0 39	61,076 3 15	324,689 16 0	149,441 2 14	113 2 24	149,441 2 14	455,473 13 0	
Hawke's Bay	17	2 2 6	10,012 1 12	42,831 0 0	2,300 441 2 10	281,299 1 22	1,026,648 0 0	422,116 1 36	354 2 10	422,116 1 36	1,470,649 0 0	
Poverty Bay	7	1 0 0	1,432 1 20	60,337 0 0	473 624 0 20	72,136 0 34	209,077 0 10	255,827 0 28	804 0 0	255,827 0 28	498,966 0 0	
Nelson	11	5 0 15	22,931 1 19	60,337 0 0	159 102 1 7	73,587 2 13	130,799 10 4	86,142 2 0	69 1 31	73,587 2 13	113,711 4 8	
Marlborough	2	0 1 16	625 0 14	4,800 0 0	311 96 1 33	32,766 2 13	82,219 9 7	11,395 3 8	82 3 11	11,395 3 8	35,363 0 0	
Canterbury	265	88 2 3	14,276 1 19	254,779 0 0	87 78 2 34	2,517 2 36	35,495 19 10	371,442 0 21	86 2 3	371,442 0 21	1,326,731 0 0	
Otago	64	43 1 15	2,777 2 0	43,860 0 0	2,189 462 2 7	174,813 1 35	1,189,967 0 0	157,530 3 10	381 3 12	157,530 3 10	464,740 0 0	
Southland	34	5 1 2	1,143 3 11	9,141 0 0	92,854 2 19	92,854 2 19	334,933 0 0	104,865 0 8	203 0 16	104,865 0 8	487,133 14 3	
Westland	9	0 2 17	227 3 0	1,045 0 0	78,078 0 6	78,078 0 6	229,743 15 0	5,596 3 13	329 0 15	5,596 3 13	20,195 3 0	
Totals	638	312 3 1	77,924 2 26	658,508 0 6	134 27 2 21	1,523 2 37	14,115 2 7	2,088,783 1 4	63	2,088,783 1 4	5,485,961 7 11	
Corresponding period, 1897-98	582	329 0 22	72,963 1 2	613,028 13 6	10,131 3,533 3 30	1,109,060 3 34	3,990,117 0 10	2,348,790 2 19	9,132	2,348,790 2 19	5,126,707 5 7	

DISTRICT.	CERTIFICATES IN LIEU OF CROWN GRANTS.				CROWN GRANTS.				MORTGAGES.								
	No.	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.					
		Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.						
Auckland	157	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1,396 1 24	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1,645	General Searches.	Caveats against Dealing.	Plans deposited.	Trust Deeds, &c., deposited.	Leases.	Incumbrances.	Transmissions, &c.	Certificates issued.
Taranaki	350	12 3 8	21,084 0 14	10,986 4 11	1,396 1 24	2	50	..	1,645	32	64	170	2	492	..	227	869
Wellington	552	19 0 29	44,602 2 24	55,378 18 8	..	..	24	670	2,173	15	16	79	1	355	..	57	260
Hawke's Bay	44	10 0 0	41,867 3 38	43,876 2 1	..	..	20	..	..	244	105	72	16	653	..	272	1,311
Poverty Bay	51	1 3 38	133,976 0 13	..	..	1	18	..	..	830	41	87	..	110	..	31	289
Nelson	141	..	17,334 1 26	13,853 12 7	..	..	17	..	..	267	20	14	2	54	..	376	58
Marlborough	15	3 5 13	302 0 38	7,936 0 0	..	..	5	1	..	97	14	7	..	35	..	61	96
Canterbury	57	14 2 11	34,829 2 12	..	..	..	81	..	2,678	279	123	105	1	305	..	269	1,171
Otago	100	63 1 32	12,612 2 37	11,482 13 0	..	..	37	..	707	35	59	10	10	286	..	..	490
Southland	122	213 1 11	6,791 2 39	8,845 10 1	..	..	16	..	630	61	19	18	2	143	3	..	340
Westland	1	..	0 3 6	..	21 0 0	..	4	..	..	20	4	..	..	25	..	..	26
Totals	1590	549 3 28	444,928 0 20	152,364 1 4	1,417 1 24	3	348	1	9,769	747	420	607	34	2,461	8	1,293	4,953
Corresponding period, 1897-98	1438	55,962 2 33	339,193 3 31	123,805 10 11	1,125 1 25	5	405	3	9,228	698	420	561	53	2,216	4	1,147	4,775

**B.—RETURN of FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACT for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1899.**

District.	General Fees.	Assurance Fees.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ... ..	3,312 12 9	160 4 3	3,472 17 0
Taranaki ... ..	1,845 11 11	27 17 1	1,873 9 0
Wellington ... ..	5,833 5 11	224 17 8	6,058 3 7
Hawke's Bay ... ..	1,322 7 6	85 9 6	1,407 17 0
Poverty Bay ... ..	720 18 4	21 0 6	741 18 10
Nelson ... ..	624 18 6	126 19 2	751 17 8
Marlborough ... ..	184 7 0	9 13 8	194 0 8
Canterbury ... ..	5,696 8 8	488 2 1	6,184 10 9
Otago ... ..	2,406 9 3	84 8 9	2,490 18 0
Southland ... ..	1,477 13 7	18 13 2	1,496 6 9
Westland ... ..	200 15 0	1 6 11	202 1 11
Totals ... ..	23,625 8 5*	1,248 12 9	24,874 1 2
Corresponding period, 1897-98 ...	22,980 14 5†	1,365 13 3	24,345 7 8

NOTE.—Incl. Crown-grant and district-agency fees: \* £364 1s. 10d.; † £296 19s. 4d.

**C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGE under the LAND TRANSFER ACT on the 31st March, 1899.**

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1899.	Amount secured by Mortgage during year ended 31st March, 1899.	Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1899.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ... ..	3,042,369 18 2	442,960 2 2	224,643 1 2	3,260,687 11 2
Taranaki ... ..	1,732,704 6 6	455,473 13 0	265,618 13 10	1,922,559 5 8
Wellington ... ..	7,022,561 12 6	1,470,649 0 0	837,448 0 0	7,655,762 12 6
Hawke's Bay ... ..	4,390,897 9 2	493,966 0 0	548,498 0 0	4,336,365 9 2
Poverty Bay ... ..	238,592 11 0	113,711 4 8	122,389 0 0	234,914 15 8
Nelson ... ..	175,037 18 10	175,037 18 10	150,975 4 10	969,896 7 7
Marlborough ... ..	255,432 11 7	15,809 0 0	15,809 0 0	249,149 11 7
Canterbury ... ..	8,398,676 8 0	1,524,431 0 0	1,777,768 0 0	7,196,943 8 0
Otago ... ..	2,893,732 0 0	464,740 0 0	414,994 0 0	2,943,478 0 0
Southland ... ..	3,145,249 3 3	487,133 14 3	202,621 14 8	3,429,761 2 10
Westland ... ..	81,175 6 10	20,195 3 0	16,250 10 0	85,119 19 10
Totals ... ..	32,152,388 0 7	5,485,961 7 11	4,603,612 4 6	33,035,337 4 0
Corresponding period, 1897-98	31,112,921 0 0	5,126,707 5 7	4,087,240 5 0	32,152,388 0 7

**D.—RETURN showing APPEARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1899.**

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 ... ..	40	14	1	4	9	...	...
Taranaki ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wellington ... ..	46	1	...	75	29	127	...
Hawke's Bay ... ..	7	1	...	...	...	1	...
Poverty Bay ... ..	7	2	...	...	3	...	...
Nelson ... ..	3	...	...	2	1	1	...
Marlborough ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canterbury ... ..	21	3	1	38	9	37	...
Otago ... ..	25	...	5	13	5	7	...
Southland ... ..	2	...	1	...	...	2	...
Westland ... ..	...	...	...	...	96	59	...
Totals ... ..	153	34	8	132	76	224	..

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Wellington ... ..	118	123	159
Canterbury ... ..	18	20	19
Otago ... ..	10	4	..

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1898; the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION, and the NUMBER REGISTERED, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1899; also the NUMBER REMAINING on that date; and the AMOUNT of FEES collected during the same Period.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1898.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1899.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on 31st March, 1899.	Fees.
					£ s. d.
Auckland ... ..	174	4,240	4,094	306	4,158 19 9
Taranaki ... ..	49	729	746	32	675 15 0
Wellington ... ..	30	2,061	2,071	10	2,122 3 10
Hawke's Bay ... ..	144	867	888	115	975 19 0
Poverty Bay ... ..	1	87	82	6	110 18 0
Nelson ... ..	3	525	511	17	479 13 6
Marlborough ... ..	...	408	398	10	408 0 0
Canterbury ... ..	34	1,431	1,429	28	1,525 14 9
Otago ... ..	29	1,582	1,561	50	1,616 3 0
Southland ... ..	9	317	290	36	311 16 0
Westland ... ..	14	45	57	2	43 6 0
Totals ... ..	487	12,292	12,127	612	£12,428 8 10*

\* Includes Crown-grant fees .. .. £ s. d.  
Includes district-agency fees .. .. 163 4 10  
18 11 0

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