

LAND SALES COURT

On 29th April, 1946, Frederick William Ongley, Esquire, was appointed an additional Judge of the Land Sales Court.

On 21st June, 1946, the Honourable Mr. Justice Finlay tendered his resignation as a Judge of the Land Sales Court.

On 26th June, 1946, Kendrick Gee Archer, Esquire, was appointed to be a Judge of the Land Sales Court.

THE EXERCISE OF CROWN RIGHTS UNDER PART II AND PART III (SECTION 51) OF THE ACT

As the number of sales direct to discharged servicemen is still large, the provisions of section 51 have not been operated to any great extent. As will be observed from the figures given later in this report, Part II of the Act has been used to a greater degree than in previous years, and this has resulted in many voluntary and compulsory acquisitions of both larger and smaller blocks.

EXCESS CONSIDERATION PAID AND RECEIVED IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE ACT

In an attempt further to tighten up the penal clauses of the Act designed to prevent what have colloquially become known as "black market" payments, the principal Act of 1943 was further amended during the year. In consequence, there have been more successful prosecutions of those who have passed "black market" money, and others are pending.

RETURN OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1947

Registry.	Brought forward from Previous Year.	Received.	Granted without Hearing.	Granted after Hearing.	Granted subject to Conditions	Refused or Withdrawn.	Total finalized.	Action incomplete.
Farm lands—								
Auckland	223	1,485	785	86	560	125	1,556	152
Hamilton	172	1,151	776	85	170	133	1,164	159
Gisborne	15	183	137	11	26	15	189	9
Napier	38	343	234	5	74	29	342	39
New Plymouth ..	67	457	340	14	76	38	468	56
Wellington	24	548	345	26	101	44	516	56
Blenheim	9	109	58	4	38	4	104	14
Nelson	35	336	223	2	88	30	343	28
Hokitika	1	49	40	..	8	1	49	1
Christchurch ..	80	853	561	30	216	55	862	71
Dunedin	103	500	285	8	155	59	507	96
Invercargill ..	60	633	403	8	132	51	594	99
Totals ..	827	6,647	4,187	277	1,646	584	6,694	780
Other lands—								
Auckland	1,003	9,918	6,002	717	3,049	284	10,052	869
Hamilton	407	3,985	2,747	242	798	231	4,018	374
Gisborne	32	778	631	15	131	10	787	23
Napier	232	2,047	1,383	12	586	110	2,091	188
New Plymouth ..	107	1,643	1,149	18	367	76	1,610	140
Wellington	969	8,227	5,266	144	2,459	426	8,295	901
Blenheim	26	539	269	35	212	15	531	34
Nelson	113	1,140	701	5	380	47	1,133	120
Hokitika	36	454	297	6	137	16	456	34
Christchurch ..	539	6,262	3,054	105	2,631	175	5,965	836
Dunedin	361	3,600	2,010	20	1,315	235	3,580	381
Invercargill ..	147	1,755	1,077	16	576	71	1,740	162
Totals ..	3,972	40,348	24,586	1,335	12,641	1,696	40,258	4,062
Grand totals ..	4,799	46,995	28,773	1,612	14,287	2,280	46,952	4,842