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LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1903-4.

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

The Secretary for Stamps to the Commissioner of Stamps.

Sir.— Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 16th May, 1904.

I have the honour to submit the usual report on the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended 31st March, 1904.

The returns appended show,—

- 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, 1904.
- 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 Office.

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C. A. HICKSON,

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

Secretary for Stamps.

A.—Statement of Business transacted under the Land Transfer Act during the Year ended 31st March, 1904.

				APPLI	APPLICATIONS.						TRANSFERS	ERS.						MORTGAGES	AGES.		
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B.—Return of Fees received under the Land Transfer Act for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1904.

נ	District.			General :	Fees	.	Assurance	Fee	es.	Total.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.		£		d
Auckland	• • •			4,743	7	2	194	0	9	4,937	7	
Taranaki				2,739	3	4	99	16	3	2,838		7
Wellington				9,006	8	0	574	11	9	9,580	19	ξ
Hawke's Bay				1,851	1	8	89	9	4	1,940	11	C
Poverty Bay				878	9	1	16	5	2	894	14	9
Nelson				744	10	0	14	4	3	758	14	9
Marlborough				282	8	6	70	15	7	353	4	1
Canterbury				7,938	5	0	566	16	2	8.505	1	2
Otago				3,422	8	6	100	19	6	3,523		C
Southland				2,114	3	5	48	9	ī	2,162		e
Westland	•••			408	9	0	3	5	$\bar{4}$	411	14	
Totals				*34,128	13	8	1,778	13	-2	35,907	6	10
Correspor	nding per	iod, 1902	3–3	†30,759	14	9	1,762	7	10	32,522	2	7

Note.—Includes Crown grants and district agency fees: * £76 8s. 9d.; † £110 3s. 5d.

C.—Return showing the Total Amount of Money remaining secured by Mortgage under the Land Transfer Act on the 31st March, 1904.

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			£	3	s.	d.		£	s	d.		ä	£	s.	d.		£	3	s.	d
Auckland		3,	626	,695	3	3	766	,358	0	7	4	42	,504	12	8	3,	950	,548	11	2
Taranaki		3,	425	,947	3	5	912	,908	10	1	5	32	,176	0	0	3,	806	,679	13	6
Wellington		11,	538	,503	12	6	2,407	,144	0	0	1,4	22	,499	0	0	12,	523	,148	12	6
Hawke's Bay	•••	5,	039	,252	19	7	743	,944	0	0	4	83	515	0	0	5,	299	,681	19	7
Poverty Bay			702	060	19	3	247	,904	8	8	2	86	854	0	0		663	,111	7	11
Nelson		1,	101	,126	16	3	126	,791	19	9		79	989	17	7	1,	147	,928	18	5
Marlborough			491	260	5	11	59	,799	0	0		35	136	0	0	'	515	,923	5	11
Canterbury		9,	214	923	8	0	2,046	,863	0	0	1,6	50	000	0	0	9,	611	,786	8	0
Otago		3,	298	925	0	0	539	,984	0	0	4	62	015	0	0	3,	376	,894	0	0
Southland				214	10	10	401	,637	6	4	2	87	558	2	6			,293		8
Westland			136,	861	12	5	39	,694	12	6		24,	001	5	4			,554		7
Totals	•••	42,	906,	771	11	5	8,293	,028	17	11	5,7	06,	248	18	1	45,	493	,551	11	3
Corresponding p 1902–3	period,	40,	587,	,168	12	5	7,185	,636	3	10	4,8	66,	033	4	10	42,	906	,771	11	5

D.—RETURN showing ARREARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1904.

District.	Applications awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	detained for	during the	Unregistered Instruments awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Unregistered Instruments detained in the Survey Office.	of Title due but	Applications received previous to Current Month not yet passed.
Auckland	52	31	2	4	41	25	•••
Taranaki		!	•••				•••
Wellington	58	6	2	127	30	140	
Hawke's Bay	9	3	1	•••			
Poverty Bay	4	•••	2	3	1	1	
Nelson	6			2	4	4	1
Marlborough	5			2			•••
Canterbury	20			50	3	84	
Otago	18		3	5		3	• • •
Southland	5		1	18	5		2
Westland		•••	•••	•••	120		•••
Totals	177	40	11	211	204	257	3

Other Instruments unrecorded.

Wellington						158	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Marlborough		••				1	3	1
Canterbury	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	28	31	23
Otago Southland	• •	• •	••	••	• • •	ь 5	5 6	13
Southiand			• •	• •		J	U	4

E.—Return showing the Number of Deeds remaining unregistered on the 31st March, 1903; the Number received for Registration, and the Number registered, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1904; also the Number remaining on that date; and the Amount of Fees collected during the same Period.

District	i.		Unrecorded on 31st March, 1903.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1904.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on 31st March, 1904.	Fees.	
							£ s.	d.
Auckland			660	5,062	5,603	119	4,999 7	11
Faranaki			33	876	880	29	816 19	0
Wellington			684	2,662	3,296	50	2,7694	9
Hawke's Bay			70	945	832	183	1,112 5	9
Poverty Bay			•••	77	76	1	90 16	0
Nelson			2	840	835	7	787 10	0 (
Marlhorough		•••	70	372	437	5	371 14	6
Canterbury			65	1,449	1,415	99	1,486 14	. 0
Otago			65	1,797	1,842	20	1,814 17	0
Southland			5	478	477	6	472 7	0
Westland	• • • •	•••		87	85	2	80 6	6
Totals			1,654	14,645	15,755	521	£14,802 2	3 5

^{*} Includes Crown grant fees, £277 11s. 11d; and district agency fees, £21 5s.

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