

1904.
NEW ZEALAND

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.

I have, &c.,

C. A. HICKSON,

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

Secretary for Stamps.

B.—RETURN of FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACT for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1904.

District.	General Fees.	Assurance Fees.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	4,743 7 2	194 0 9	4,937 7 11
Taranaki	2,739 3 4	99 16 3	2,838 19 7
Wellington	9,006 8 0	574 11 9	9,580 19 9
Hawke's Bay	1,851 1 8	89 9 4	1,940 11 0
Poverty Bay	878 9 1	16 5 2	894 14 3
Nelson	744 10 0	14 4 3	758 14 3
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 8 0
Southland	2,114 3 5	48 9 1	2,162 12 6
Westland	408 9 0	3 5 4	411 14 4
Totals	*34,128 13 8	1,778 13 2	35,907 6 10
Corresponding period, 1902-3	†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.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1903.	Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1904.	Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1904.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland... ..	3,626,695 3 3	766,358 0 7	442,504 12 8	3,950,548 11 2
Taranaki... ..	3,425,947 3 5	912,908 10 1	532,176 0 0	3,806,679 13 6
Wellington	11,538,503 12 6	2,407,144 0 0	1,422,499 0 0	12,523,148 12 6
Hawke's Bay	5,039,252 19 7	743,944 0 0	483,515 0 0	5,299,681 19 7
Poverty Bay	702,060 19 3	247,904 8 8	286,854 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	1,650,000 0 0	9,611,786 8 0
Otago	3,298,925 0 0	539,984 0 0	462,015 0 0	3,376,894 0 0
Southland	4,331,214 10 10	401,637 6 4	287,558 2 6	4,445,293 14 8
Westland	136,861 12 5	39,694 12 6	24,001 5 4	152,554 19 7
Totals	42,906,771 11 5	8,293,028 17 11	5,706,248 18 1	45,493,551 11 3
Corresponding period, 1902-3	40,587,168 12 5	7,185,636 3 10	4,866,033 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.	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 ...	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.

	Transfers.		Mortgages.		Miscellaneous.	
Wellington	158	167	194	..
Marlborough	1	3	1	..
Canterbury	28	31	23	..
Otago	6	5	13	..
Southland	5	6	2	..

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.	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
Taranaki ...	33	876	880	29	816 19 0
Wellington ...	684	2,662	3,296	50	2,769 4 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
Marlborough ...	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 5*

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

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