

1905.
NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1904-5).

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

The SECRETARY for STAMPS to the COMMISSIONER of STAMPS.

SIR,—

Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 15th May, 1905.

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, 1905.

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, 1905.

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,
Secretary for Stamps.

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

A.—STATEMENT of BUSINESS transacted under the LAND TRANSFER ACT during the Year ended the 31st March, 1905.

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	133	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	2,558	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1,714	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.						
Taranaki	28	94 2 28	36,644 1 4	135,505 2 9	848 0 9	255,765 1 3	975,964 13 6	688,686 11 2	1,151	287,362 0 9	688,686 11 2							
Wellington	155	28 6 3 39	496 2 35	23,763 0 0	726 128 1 30	49,569 0 13	428,727 16 7	703,140 17 7	3,993	191,604 0 12	703,140 17 7							
Hawke's Bay	7	214 3 32	21,241 3 16	329,554 0 0	3,920 1,877 0 21	249,196 3 24	2,502,757 0 0	2,840,949 0 0	3,993	602,553 3 2	2,840,949 0 0							
Poverty Bay	5	1 0 1	3,852 2 0	34,944 0 0	712 937 3 39	144,039 1 32	450,393 19 7	935,539 18 0	653	237,617 3 5	935,539 18 0							
Nelson	18	4 3 1	77 0 8	1,870 0 0	363 144 1 39	79,662 3 13	250,453 14 1	323,750 2 0	311	306,786 2 20	323,750 2 0							
Marlborough	15	9 2 4	11,496 0 36	34,556 0 0	456 62 1 19	27,891 2 11	114,733 4 9	116,670 8 2	371	50,303 8 8	116,670 8 2							
Canterbury	265	106 0 5	32,341 2 0	484,438 0 0	113 25 3 9	48,902 0 36	49,859 0 0	92,239 0 0	131	90,223 1 26	92,239 0 0							
Otago	55	21 0 3	6,170 1 1	40,077 0 0	3,353 705 2 14	333,980 3 10	2,724,529 0 0	2,395,047 0 0	3,011	692,402 2 0	2,395,047 0 0							
Southland	11	4 1 37	381 0 24	6,745 0 0	1,683 481 2 39	74,143 2 26	589,221 0 0	518,644 0 0	1,232	117,535 3 33	518,644 0 0							
Westland	7	1 2 0	18 3 24	632 0 0	1,291 314 1 23	174,067 3 35	818,659 7 11	543,236 3 0	925	162,623 1 3	543,236 3 0							
Totals	699	465 1 30	112,956 3 39	1,049,633 2 9	248 62 2 10	12,308 3 19	39,331 5 6	93,619 12 5	136	150 0 14	93,619 12 5							
Corresponding period, 1903-4	699	393 2 24	90,186 2 31	850,739 8 0	15,423 5,588 2 12	1,449,548 2 22	8,944,630 1 11	9,190,522 12 4	13,618	4,150 1 20	9,190,522 12 4							
					16,480 6,817 1 21	1,218,784 2 17	8,071,352 19 9	8,293,028 17 11	13,894	5,512 2 38	8,293,028 17 11							
DISTRICT.	CERTIFICATES IN LIEU OF CROWN GRANTS.				CROWN GRANTS.				General Searches.									
	No.		AREA.		No.	AREA.		Value. £ s. d.	Caveats.	Registration Ab.	Powers of Attorney.	Revocation Orders.						
	Town and Suburban.	Country.	Town and Suburban.	Country.		Town and Suburban.	Country.											
Auckland	231	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	8	8	£ s. d.	2,105	19	107	293	4	270	1,201				
Taranaki	11	35 0 35	34,159 0 20	16,074 16 5	1	0 1 0	12 10 0	1,002	50	30	47	2	74	380				
Wellington	201	3 0 0	1,391 3 17	1,926 2 11	9	9	..	3,829	232	209	140	53	354	2,261				
Hawke's Bay	32	2 5	70,798 2 33	..	1	1	..	946	56	26	103	3	86	393				
Poverty Bay	18	2 2 16	5,402 1 28	4,797 18 8	2	2	..	47	26	22	50	6	447	221				
Nelson	174	25 1 10	8,932 0 16	..	2	2	..	126	4	7	22	2	66	140				
Marlborough	23	0 3 6	2,958 1 5	2,276 1 1	1	1	..	9	3	3	26	..	..	45				
Canterbury	59	3 3 15	3,648 3 29	10,954 7 8	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Otago	140	234 3 10	4,010 0 15	5,097 0 0	1	1	..	3,644	847	112	126	..	369	1,664				
Southland	146	168 2 3	13,947 3 33	12,515 11 5	28	28	..	1,180	35	51	55	3	274	589				
Westland	16	6 3 0	1,077 0 25	..	3	3	..	62	..	..	88	2	126	383				
Totals	1051	642 1 20	168,003 3 34	53,641 17 9	3	3	..	1,088	90	26	140	4	121	72				
Corresponding period, 1903-4	740	1 17	148,785 2 23	63,817 18 1	49	49	12 10 0	14,470	874	601	964	79	2,187	7,349				
					51	51	11 1 0	14,284	829	506	847	70	1,903	7,804				

B.—RETURN of FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACT for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1905.

District.	General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	4,869	7	9	227	12	7	5,097	0	4
Taranaki ...	2,176	8	9	47	14	9	2,224	3	6
Wellington ...	9,308	5	8	587	8	7	9,895	14	3
Hawke's Bay ...	1,700	18	1	114	0	2	1,814	18	3
Poverty Bay ...	938	3	5	55	14	10	993	18	3
Nelson ...	849	9	11	16	10	11	866	0	10
Marlborough ...	294	4	0	24	10	2	318	14	2
Canterbury ...	7,813	0	6	769	8	10	8,582	9	4
Otago ...	3,041	5	6	83	10	1	3,124	15	7
Southland ...	2,172	15	6	15	18	8	2,188	14	2
Westland ...	380	8	10	1	17	11	382	6	9
Totals ...	*33,544	7	11	1,944	7	6	35,488	15	5
Corresponding period, 1903-4 ...	†34,128	13	8	1,778	13	2	35,907	6	10

NOTE.—Includes Crown-grant and district agency fees: * £83 9s. 4d.; † £76 8s. 9d.

C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGE under the LAND TRANSFER ACT on the 31st March, 1905.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1904.			Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1905.			Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.			Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1905.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland...	3,950,548	11	2	688,686	11	2	650,967	14	0	3,988,267	8	4
Taranaki...	3,806,679	13	6	703,140	17	7	421,353	8	6	4,088,467	2	7
Wellington...	12,523,148	12	6	2,840,949	0	0	1,568,187	0	0	13,795,910	12	6
Hawke's Bay...	5,299,681	19	7	935,539	18	0	584,823	0	0	5,650,398	17	7
Poverty Bay...	663,111	7	11	323,750	2	0	223,713	0	0	763,148	9	11
Nelson ...	1,147,928	18	5	116,670	8	2	94,517	7	7	1,170,081	19	0
Marlborough...	515,923	5	11	92,239	0	0	54,570	10	0	553,591	15	11
Canterbury...	9,611,786	8	0	2,395,047	0	0	1,382,662	0	0	10,624,171	8	0
Otago ...	3,376,894	0	0	518,644	0	0	328,407	0	0	3,567,131	0	0
Southland ...	4,445,293	14	8	542,236	3	0	322,407	9	0	4,665,122	8	8
Westland ...	152,554	19	7	33,619	12	5	21,654	10	6	164,520	1	6
Totals ...	45,493,551	11	3	9,190,522	12	4	5,653,262	19	7	49,030,811	4	0
Corresponding period, 1903-4	42,906,771	11	5	8,293,028	17	11	5,706,248	18	1	45,493,551	11	3

D.—RETURN showing ARREARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1905.

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 ...	64	38	1	2	36	120	...
Taranaki ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Wellington ...	50	5	1	132	139	234	...
Hawke's Bay...	4	3	...	...	...	19	...
Poverty Bay ...	3	...	1	5	...	...	...
Nelson ...	5	...	...	2	3	3	...
Marlborough ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	24	9	...	51	38	101	...
Otago ...	20	...	3	8	3	8	...
Southland ...	7	...	...	17	...	5	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	...	125	...	...
Totals ...	177	55	8	217	344	490	...

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Auckland	54	28	28
Wellington	47	52	64
Marlborough	1	3	...
Canterbury	44	43	31
Otago	12	13	6
Southland	...	1	4

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1904; the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION, and the NUMBER REGISTERED, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1905; also the NUMBER REMAINING on that date; and the AMOUNT of FEES collected during the same Period.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1904.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1905.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on 31st March 1905.	Fees.
					£ s. d.
Auckland ...	119	4,668	4,623	164	4,588 1 4
Taranaki ...	29	720	718	31	689 9 6
Wellington ...	50	2,587	2,603	34	2,711 17 5
Hawke's Bay ...	183	1,110	1,021	272	1,284 4 6
Poverty Bay ...	1	73	74	...	86 12 9
Nelson ...	7	803	808	2	774 6 0
Marlborough ...	5	327	324	8	348 4 6
Canterbury ...	99	1,334	1,368	65	1,391 7 6
Otago ...	20	1,737	1,698	59	1,738 0 0
Southland ...	6	439	439	6	467 0 6
Westland ...	2	76	78	...	68 5 0
Totals ...	521	13,874	13,754	641	£14,147 9 0*

* Includes Crown-grant fees, £238 19s. 6d.; and district agency fees, £11.

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