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LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION :

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1911-12.

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

The SECRETARY FOR LAND AND DEEDS to the MINISTER OF STAMPS.

SIR,—
Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 10th May, 1912.
I have the honour to submit the usual report on the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended the 31st March, 1912.

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, 1912.
- 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.,

P. C. CORLISS,

Secretary for Land and Deeds.

The Minister of Stamps, Wellington.

A.—STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

District.	Applications.				Transfers.				Mortgages.			
	Area.		Value.		Area.		Consideration Money.		Area.		Amount secured.	
	No.	Town and Suburban.	A.	R. P.	No.	Town and Suburban.	A.	R. P.	No.	Town and Suburban.	A.	R. P.
1911-12.												
Auckland	185	78 3 16	21,266 2 2	305,150 14 0	6,328 2,280 1 25	804,002 3 35	4,312,642 10 5	5,478 2,870 2 22	1,239,638 1 8	3,667,617 18 1	£	s. d.
Taranaki	22	4 2 30	635 0 28	22,800 2 6	1,368 431 2 2	156,646 0 3	1,290,959 0 0	2,166 364 2 33	491,486 3 28	1,630,068 0 0		
Wellington	74	135 0 16	6,505 2 31	229,082 0 1	4,809 1,761 2 16	361,235 2 0	3,184,924 0 0	5,515 1,765 3 29	706,462 2 21	4,453,987 0 0		
Hawke's Bay	12	3 2 3	6,306 1 24	121,226 3 8	1,396 266 3 1	195,235 1 0	1,485,834 6 10	1,469 233 0 23	432,498 3 29	1,588,521 13 1		
Poverty Bay	5	0 2 0	1,000 0 11	17,760 0 0	627 202 2 37	95,967 0 15	511,909 0 0	772 232 3 28	469,904 3 38	806,868 0 0		
Nelson	14	0 3 31	2,548 3 7	19,670 0 0	551 139 3 29	78,766 2 20	251,919 11 4	681 191 1 34	128,793 2 28	315,816 13 4		
Marlborough	10	4 0 33	14,464 2 11	56,052 2 6	257 74 2 27	84,155 2 3	277,621 14 4	313 129 2 10	193,970 0 7	278,838 6 10		
Canterbury	172	31 0 37	5,703 3 12	204,768 0 0	4,406 819 0 18	279,222 3 15	3,680,288 0 0	4,773 1,358 0 25	607,824 2 16	4,190,155 0 0		
Otago	57	61 1 23	1,516 3 0	57,013 0 0	2,251 768 0 7	120,348 0 1	1,130,494 0 0	2,109 582 1 37	162,950 3 38	1,108,907 0 0		
Southland	20	9 2 12	5,030 2 4	44,601 8 7	2,116 456 3 32	190,489 0 2	1,223,370 17 1	1,641 270 2 25	313,297 0 25	992,913 9 10		
Westland	..	..	..	..	188 96 1 35	24,935 0 5	55,314 11 11	210 33 1 32	38,054 2 38	95,039 3 8		
Totals	571	330 0 1	65,028 1 10	1,078,123 11 4	24,297 7,298 0 29	2,391,003 3 19	17,405,277 11 11	25,127 8,033 0 18	4,784,882 3 36	19,128,732 4 10		
Corresponding period, 1910-11	705	323 3 15	73,053 2 22	1,229,990 6 8	22,157 7,394 0 37	1,958,709 1 27	14,285,758 14 6	23,397 6,068 3 25	4,485,401 2 36	16,896,484 8 8		
District.	Certificates of Title in lieu of Crown Grants.				Crown Grants.				Certificates Issued.			
	Area.		Value.		Area.		Value.		Area.		Value.	
	No.	Town and Suburban.	A.	R. P.	No.	Town and Suburban.	A.	R. P.	No.	Town and Suburban.	A.	R. P.
1911-12.												
Auckland	385	98 2 24	101,390 0 26	24,390 13 0	41	21 1 33	10,575 0 22	1,693 15 0	14	..	..	..
Taranaki	109	23 3 3	29,334 2 32	57,305 18 8	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Wellington	149	48 1 39	29,560 2 7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	24	..	2,847 0 17	3,246 1 3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Poverty Bay	40	1 3 14	9,306 1 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson	58	4 3 0	9,568 2 14	3,888 13 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough	30	12 1 39	940 2 25	1,942 11 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canterbury	71	38 1 26	1,075 1 26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otago	78	35 0 20	6,293 2 34	4,709 8 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland	106	18 1 32	21,555 1 34	6,391 13 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	97	309 3 34	10,482 0 34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	1,147	591 3 31	222,354 3 25	101,874 19 4	41	21 1 33	10,575 0 22	1,693 15 0	26	..	..	..
Corresponding period, 1910-11	1,281	3,754 3 11	203,442 0 5	71,733 10 3	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..

B.—RETURN OF FEES RECEIVED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

District.	General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	13,074	8	3	997	1	6	14,071	9	9
Taranaki ...	3,983	10	7	60	10	3	4,044	0	10
Wellington ...	11,612	6	5	393	2	10	12,005	9	3
Hawke's Bay ...	3,114	17	7	184	10	5	3,299	8	0
Poverty Bay ...	1,857	8	10	128	7	5	1,985	16	3
Nelson ...	1,257	2	3	41	3	9	1,298	6	0
Marlborough ...	687	3	9	117	8	1	804	11	10
Canterbury ...	10,523	6	4	467	7	4	10,990	13	8
Otago ...	4,646	5	3	126	5	2	4,772	10	5
Southland ...	3,802	14	1	93	5	10	3,895	19	11
Westland ...	585	10	0	1	11	1	587	1	1
Totals ...	55,144	13	4*	2,610	13	8	57,755	7	0
Corresponding period, 1910-11 ...	50,055	4	6†	2,245	16	6	52,301	1	0

NOTE.—Includes Crown-grant and district-agency fees: * £44 2s.; † £42 14s.

C.—RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REMAINING SECURED BY MORTGAGE UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1911.			Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1912.			Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.			Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1912.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland...	9,855,876	4	10	3,667,617	18	1	1,792,318	0	0	11,731,176	2	11
Taranaki...	6,824,168	14	1	1,630,068	0	0	1,044,471	0	0	7,409,765	14	1
Wellington...	24,111,716	12	6	4,453,987	0	0	2,513,210	0	0	25,052,493	12	6
Hawke's Bay...	8,599,618	13	0	1,588,521	13	1	1,075,092	0	0	9,113,048	6	1
Poverty Bay...	2,366,057	3	11	806,868	0	0	543,565	0	0	2,629,360	3	11
Nelson ...	1,502,223	5	2	315,816	13	4	164,514	0	0	1,653,525	18	6
Marlborough...	1,023,281	16	0	278,838	6	10	133,467	0	0	1,168,653	2	10
Canterbury...	17,879,439	8	0	4,190,155	0	0	2,659,689	0	0	19,409,905	8	0
Otago ...	5,190,429	0	0	1,108,907	0	0	773,987	0	0	5,525,349	0	0
Southland...	5,872,901	14	3	992,913	9	10	731,746	16	0	6,134,068	8	1
Westland ...	310,918	12	11	95,039	3	8	95,039	3	8	310,918	12	11
Totals ...	83,536,631	4	8	19,128,732	4	10	12,527,098	19	8	90,138,264	9	10
Corresponding period, 1901-11	77,771,721	5	4	16,896,484	8	8	11,131,574	9	4	83,536,631	4	8

D.—RETURN SHOWING ARREARS IN THE LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

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 ...	95	109	24	37	19	210	10
Taranaki ...	5	...	...	8	...	2	...
Wellington ...	14	27	...	185	115	152	...
Hawke's Bay ...	4	1	2	...	...	...	...
Poverty Bay ...	5	...	...	...	5	10	2
Nelson ...	5	3	...	5	13	13	...
Marlborough ...	1	...	...	...	1	2	...
Canterbury ...	25	16	...	84	123	210	...
Otago ...	13	...	...	21	...	97	...
Southland ...	3	...	...	7	...	14	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	45	...	15	...
Totals ...	170	156	26	392	276	725	12

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Auckland	156	154	88
Taranaki	5	9	9
Wellington	179	200	330
Poverty Bay	4	3	6
Canterbury	11	13	15
Otago	19	20	16
Southland	5	11	4

E.—RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEEDS REMAINING UNREGISTERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1911; THE NUMBER RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION, AND THE NUMBER REGISTERED, DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1912; ALSO THE NUMBER REMAINING ON THAT DATE; AND THE AMOUNT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1911.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1912.	Registered during the same Period.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1912.	Fees.
Auckland ...	916	8,581	9,252	245	£ 8,271 10 7
Taranaki ...	20	967	977	10	911 16 0
Wellington ...	74	2,432	2,218	288	2,348 9 6
Hawke's Bay ...	414	1,524	1,812	126	1,735 13 0
Poverty Bay ...	1	89	90	...	85 3 0
Nelson ...	22	990	986	26	828 1 0
Marlborough ...	17	453	468	2	445 1 0
Canterbury ...	73	1,560	1,592	41	1,424 5 6
Otago ...	81	2,274	2,327	28	2,197 13 0
Southland ...	30	784	643	171	728 10 6
Westland ...	...	106	106	...	89 4 6
Totals ...	1,648	19,760	20,471	937	*19,065 7 7

* Includes Crown-grant fees, £336 17s. 1d.; and district-agency fees, £5 5s.

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