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LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT, 1918-19.

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

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The SECRETARY FOR LAND AND DEEDS to the MINISTER OF STAMP DUTIES.

SIR,— Head Office, Stamp Duties Department, Wellington, 10th July, 1919.

I have the honour to submit the usual report on the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Department for the year ended the 31st March, 1919.

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, 1919.

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 unrecorded on the 31st March last; also the fees received in the Deeds Registration Offices.

I have, &c.,

P. C. CORLISS,

The Minister of Stamp Duties, Wellington.

Secretary for Land and Deeds.



B.—RETURN OF FEES RECEIVED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1919.

District.				General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			District Agency Fees.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	...	...	...	11,827	9	11	600	0	3	0	3	0
Taranaki ...	...	...	...	2,917	10	4	67	14	10	0	18	0
Wellington ...	...	...	...	9,171	1	4	431	1	9	2	2	0
Hawke's Bay ...	...	...	...	2,334	17	10	33	9	5	...	...	...
Poverty Bay ...	...	...	...	1,461	2	3	11	11	8	...	...	...
Nelson ...	...	...	...	1,049	1	0	24	15	4	...	...	...
Marlborough ...	...	...	...	363	19	0	189	9	8	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	...	...	...	6,802	19	1	149	14	5	...	...	...
Otago ...	...	...	...	3,236	14	7	143	17	1	...	...	...
Southland ...	...	...	...	2,158	13	6	307	12	9	...	...	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	320	1	0	0	0	8	...	...	...
Totals ...	...	...	...	41,643	9	10	1,959	7	10	3	3	0
Corresponding period, 1917-18 ...	...	...	...	42,210	15	3	1,744	0	3	4	19	0

C.—RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY SECURED BY MORTGAGE UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1919.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on the 31st March, 1918.	Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1919.	Amount of Mortgage paid off during the same Period.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on the 31st March, 1919.
	£	£	£	£
Auckland...	24,860,807	4,310,195	1,836,214	27,334,788
Taranaki...	10,888,378	1,296,199	613,629	11,570,948
Wellington ...	33,262,098	3,945,795	2,478,054	34,729,839
Hawke's Bay ...	13,468,105	1,441,100	792,231	14,116,974
Poverty Bay ...	4,527,894	1,008,924	380,959	5,155,859
Nelson ...	2,279,485	277,025	146,165	2,410,345
Marlborough ...	2,134,661	153,342	78,991	2,209,012
Canterbury ...	25,127,386	1,941,725	1,546,716	25,522,395
Otago ...	7,469,486	698,799	624,458	7,543,827
Southland ...	8,407,609	735,601	489,702	8,653,508
Westland ...	449,813	82,572	32,714	499,671
Totals ...	132,875,722	15,891,277	9,019,833	139,747,166

Return showing Number and Amount of Mortgages under Land Transfer and Deeds Registry released in each District from 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919.

District.	Number.	Amount. £
Auckland ..	4,080	2,589,624
Taranaki ...	1,038	678,240
Wellington ...	3,938	2,918,360
Hawke's Bay ...	983	1,006,708
Poverty Bay ...	472	383,024
Nelson ...	584	232,890
Marlborough ...	156	130,687
Canterbury ...	2,553	1,659,766
Otago ...	1,712	817,726
Southland ...	885	587,506
Westland ...	107	36,366
Totals ...	16,508	£11,040,897

## D.—RETURN SHOWING ARREARS IN THE LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1919.

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 ...	188	80	9	139	64	173	1
Taranaki ...	1	...	1	5	...	2	..
Wellington ...	8	19	...	410	437	566	...
Hawke's Bay...	...	...	...	49	...	6	...
Poverty Bay ...	4	...	...	3	...	5	...
Nelson ...	7	6	...	8	20	27	...
Marlborough ...	...	1	...	4	...	3	3
Canterbury ...	19	3	3	76	30	78	...
Otago ...	8	...	...	8	...	29	...
Southland ...	...	...	...	10	...	37	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	10	...	4	1
Totals ...	235	109	13	722	551	930	5

*Other Instruments unregistered.*

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Auckland ...	191	163	142
Taranaki ...	5	4	5
Wellington ...	254	142	273
Hawke's Bay ...	8	4	10
Poverty Bay ...	9	3	6
Nelson ...	...	...	...
Marlborough ...	9	5	12
Canterbury ...	38	22	46
Otago ...	9	14	6
Southland ...	19	14	23
Westland ...	...	...	...
Totals ...	542	371	523

## E.—RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEEDS REMAINING UNREGISTERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1918; THE NUMBER RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION AND THE NUMBER REGISTERED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1919; ALSO THE NUMBER REMAINING ON THAT DATE AND THE AMOUNT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1918.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1919.	Recorded during the same Period.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1919.	Fees.
Auckland ...	237	5,744	5,293	688	£ 5,645 12 1
Taranaki ...	21	623	583	61	577 18 0
Wellington ...	288	2,019	1,741	566	1,850 12 0
Hawke's Bay ...	92	1,009	955	146	1,047 7 6
Poverty Bay ...	3	41	44	...	40 6 0
Nelson ...	3	831	793	41	722 7 0
Marlborough ...	6	246	248	4	241 15 0
Canterbury ...	50	993	1,012	31	891 3 0
Otago ...	37	1,724	1,654	107	1,626 12 6
Southland ...	49	462	420	91	448 15 6
Westland ...	...	55	55	...	55 15 6
Totals ...	786	13,747	12,798	1,735	13,148 4 1

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