

1920.
NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT, 1919-20.

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

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

SIR,— Head Office, Stamp Duties Department, Wellington, 10th June, 1920.

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, 1920.

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, 1920.

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.

A.—STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1920.

District.	Applications.				Certificates in Lieu of Crown Grants.				Transfers.				Mortgages.						
	Number.	Area.	Value.	Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.		Number.	Country.	Area.				
					Town and Suburban.	Country.		Town and Suburban.	Country.		Town and Suburban.	Country.							
																Acres.	£	Acres.	£
Acres.	£	Acres.	£	Acres.	£	Acres.	£	Acres.	£	Acres.	£	Acres.	£	Acres.	£				
Auckland ..	53	74,473	100	11,028	283,366	666	70,525	7,399	78,836	5,248,973	4,115	807,515	10,492,390	4,772	27,215	2,681,762	5,112	1,110,886	7,075,423
Taranaki ..	12	13,207	14	1,229	43,783	33	4,526	1,791	521	983,972	1,663	278,024	4,047,186	981	322	509,411	1,993	383,015	3,419,018
Wellington ..	32	80,134	30	6,237	177,987	99	10,404	5,489	22,425	4,773,291	4,005	649,298	10,272,530	4,064	12,403	2,486,627	3,328	1,419,098	6,775,326
Hawke's Bay ..	7	4,814	2	1,234	20,426	107	14,544	1,471	967	1,089,539	875	281,632	4,111,412	1,016	732	684,508	949	363,886	2,545,942
Poverty Bay ..	2	1,100	1	1,189	24,450	21	2,841	788	969	556,498	358	278,344	1,986,556	648	660	352,638	372	429,397	1,734,234
Nelson ..	5	3,398	4	523	15,880	10	724	518	220	246,634	608	239,095	798,094	344	158	151,923	691	275,118	701,758
Marlborough ..	11	3,954	5	55,579	170,961	8	2,169	299	239	148,486	290	94,286	767,679	165	142	82,195	313	285,190	687,325
Canterbury ..	108	99,355	63	4,169	179,674	59	11	2,408	1,470	3,400,741	2,610	452,471	6,586,311	3,328	793	1,487,458	2,244	766,420	4,594,366
Otago ..	27	99,025	8	2,331	24,428	58	29	4,754	1,103	1,694,861	1,033	378,928	2,029,767	2,006	609	868,206	955	613,615	1,550,056
Southland ..	7	4,999	6	1,718	17,829	138	59	1,454	643	755,939	1,119	286,386	2,278,483	898	346	406,684	1,246	363,526	1,709,399
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,197	108	39	29,303	108	29,272	147,929	52	18	15,409	155	40,400	150,379
Totals, 1919-20 ..	264	384,459	233	85,237	958,784	1,206	457	28,344	107,432	18,928,237	16,784	3,775,251	43,518,337	18,274	43,398	9,726,821	17,358	6,050,551	30,943,228
Totals, 1918-19 ..	143	185,947	148	76,441	590,456	1,370	495	12,937	21,156	7,118,186	9,559	1,992,312	18,079,198	7,531	18,742	3,351,593	8,538	2,830,260	12,539,684

District.	Discharges.		Number of Caveats entered against Applications.	Number of Caveats registered - Orders re- gistered.	Number of Leases registered.	Number of Leases (Crown) regis- tered.	Number of Maps and Plans de- posited.	Number of Orders registered.	Number of Orders in Council re- gistered.	Number of Powers of Attorney and Revocations de- posited.	Number of Pro- clamations de- posited.	Number of Searches (Ordinary).	Number of Searches (State Advances).	Number of Searches (General).	Number of Trans- missions regis- tered (including Notices of Mar- riages, &c.).	Number of Trust- in- vents and other Instru- ments deposited.	Number of Wages Protection and Contractors Liens.	Miscellaneous.	General Fees.	Assurance Fees.	District Agency Fees.
	Number.	Total Amount discharged.																			
Auckland	6,416	4,022,568	2	35	404	440	648	431	84	308	230	8,076	504	188	1,546	..	3	1,396	20,082	440	3
Taranaki	2,143	1,601,896	..	10	231	29	141	107	84	67	15	3,009	71	79	241	1	..	893	5,323	125	..
Wellington	6,165	4,546,419	..	9	487	157	292	142	36	222	33	8,190	182	311	1,006	4	..	1,899	15,867	661	1
Hawke's Bay	1,585	1,731,113	..	2	140	117	129	110	18	66	26	2,699	30	142	317	..	..	560	4,208	58	..
Poverty Bay	751	748,755	..	4	111	18	112	68	32	26	21	1,422	..	84	198	5	..	206	2,212	2	..
Nelson ..	826	354,325	..	2	26	32	120	1	..	17	20	698	2	51	136	..	1	146	1,947	41	..
Marlborough	443	314,389	1	..	20	19	43	9	..	15	7	606	..	45	71	1	..	62	955	364	..
Canterbury	5,178	3,417,896	1	3	180	110	230	15	12	148	27	8,552	57	615	999	3	..	1,042	13,422	575	..
Otago ..	2,517	1,833,016	..	2	106	93	72	2	5	58	17	2,885	8	139	630	..	..	228	5,924	153	..
Southland	1,890	1,100,936	..	..	110	88	108	5	2	30	9	2,422	7	251	374	..	..	372	4,300	48	..
Westland	154	94,162	..	..	16	52	15	6	..	16	6	140	5	28	89	..	..	195	481	..	..
Totals, 1919-20	28,068	19,265,475	4	67	1,831	1,155	1,910	896	273	973	421	38,699	866	1,933	5,607	14	8	6,999	74,721	2,467	1
Totals, 1918-19	13,658	9,019,833	7	64	1,472	1,063	1,232	1,104	217	858	454	20,394	482	1,162	4,154	23	15	5,780	41,643	1,959	3

B.—RETURN OF FEES RECEIVED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS
ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1920.

District.	General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			District Agency Fees.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	20,081	13	1	440	0	1	...		
Taranaki ...	5,322	19	3	125	9	4	...		
Wellington ...	15,866	12	2	660	12	6	0	12	0
Hawke's Bay ...	4,208	6	11	58	8	6	...		
Poverty Bay ...	2,212	1	9	2	5	10	...		
Nelson ...	1,947	4	6	40	15	11	...		
Marlborough ...	955	5	0	364	8	7	...		
Canterbury ...	13,422	1	9	575	9	4	...		
Otago ...	5,923	19	7	152	19	10	...		
Southland ...	4,300	4	0	47	12	3	...		
Westland ...	480	17	4	...			...
Totals ...	74,721	5	4	2,468	2	2	0	12	0
Corresponding period, 1918-19 ...	41,643	9	10	1,959	7	10	3	3	0

C.—RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY SECURED BY MORTGAGE UNDER THE LAND
TRANSFER ACT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1920.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mort- gage on the 31st March, 1919.	Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1920.	Amount of Mort- gage paid off during the same Period.	Amount remaining secured by Mort- gage on the 31st March, 1920.
	£	£	£	£
Auckland...	27,334,788	9,757,185	4,022,568	33,069,405
Taranaki...	11,570,948	3,928,429	1,601,896	13,897,481
Wellington ...	34,729,839	9,261,953	4,546,419	39,445,373
Hawke's Bay ...	14,116,974	3,230,450	1,731,113	15,616,311
Poverty Bay ...	5,155,859	2,086,872	748,755	6,493,976
Nelson ...	2,410,345	853,681	354,325	2,909,701
Marlborough ...	2,209,012	769,520	314,389	2,664,143
Canterbury ...	25,522,395	6,081,826	3,417,896	28,186,325
Otago ...	7,543,827	2,418,262	1,333,016	8,629,073
Southland ...	8,653,508	2,116,083	1,100,936	9,668,655
Westland ...	499,671	165,788	94,162	571,297
Totals ...	139,747,166	40,670,049	19,265,475	161,151,740

*Return showing Number and Amount of Mortgages under Land Transfer and Deeds Registry
released in each District from 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920.*

District.	Number.	Amount. £
Auckland ..	8,841	5,356,221
Taranaki ...	2,512	1,916,876
Wellington ...	6,880	9,930,688
Hawke's Bay ...	2,026	2,213,344
Poverty Bay ...	708	757,955
Nelson ...	1,261	562,239
Marlborough ...	634	487,599
Canterbury ...	5,560	3,417,896
Otago ...	3,324	1,772,770
Southland ...	2,078	1,290,516
Westland ...	172	102,189
Totals ...	33,996	£27,808,293

D.—RETURN SHOWING ARREARS IN THE LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1920.

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 ...	172	143	8	200	450	700	87
Taranaki ...	...	...	2	80	...	90	1
Wellington ...	15	18	4	666	726	870	20
Hawke's Bay ...	2	3	...	59	27	111	7
Poverty Bay ...	4	...	...	7	...	59	2
Nelson ...	4	1	...	12	13	15	...
Marlborough ...	1	...	...	2	...	10	...
Canterbury ...	33	10	...	146	114	185	...
Otago ...	8	1	2	12	...	10	9
Southland ...	...	2	1	7	...	44	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	6	...	8	...
Totals ...	239	178	17	1,197	1,330	2,102	126

Other Instruments unregistered.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Auckland ...	1,500	1,150	700
Taranaki ...	...	...	...
Wellington ...	434	320	474
Hawke's Bay ...	144	128	124
Poverty Bay ...	59	34	74
Nelson ...	17	18	23
Marlborough ...	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	224	153	199
Otago ...	14	10	12
Southland ...	52	50	33
Westland ...	...	...	...
Totals ...	2,444	1,863	1,639

E.—RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEEDS REMAINING UNREGISTERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1919; THE NUMBER RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION AND THE NUMBER REGISTERED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1920; ALSO THE NUMBER REMAINING ON THAT DATE AND THE AMOUNT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1919.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1920.	Recorded during the same Period.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1920.	Fees.
Auckland ...	688	12,052	10,177	2,563	£ 11,041 13 6
Taranaki ...	61	1,383	1,345	99	1,201 11 0
Wellington ...	566	3,475	3,795	246	3,155 4 9
Hawke's Bay ...	146	2,060	1,378	828	2,089 15 6
Poverty Bay ...	...	77	61	16	72 7 0
Nelson ...	41	1,552	1,501	92	1,202 19 0
Marlborough ...	4	892	799	97	734 10 6
Canterbury ...	31	1,934	1,670	295	1,649 0 6
Otago ...	107	3,426	3,098	435	3,032 3 6
Southland ...	91	939	732	298	895 1 0
Westland ...	...	98	94	4	82 17 6
Totals ...	1,735	27,888	24,650	4,973	25,157 3 9

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (525 copies), £5 10s.

By Authority: MARCUS F. MARKS, Government Printer, Wellington.—1920.

Price 3d.]