

1890.
NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND COURTS

(RETURN SHOWING COST OF, AND RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES CONNECTED WITH).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 15th August, 1890.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before this House showing the cost of the Native Land Courts and the receipts from all sources connected with them, including Native duty, fees, &c., for the last year, and, if possible, the receipts from ordinary stamp duty on deeds of sale or lease of Native land."—(Mr. ARTHUR.)

RETURN of EXPENDITURE of NATIVE LAND COURT from the 1st April, 1889, to the 31st March, 1890.

Items of Expenditure.	Amounts.
	£ s. d.
Salaries	8,922 11 4
Payments of Assessors, Clerks, Interpreters, travelling-allowances, Judges, Assessors' Clerks, Interpreters, and contingencies	10,114 11 9
Total	£19,037 3 1

RETURN of NATIVE LAND COURT FEES, and NATIVE LAND DUTIES on Deeds of Sale or Lease of Native Land, received from the 1st April, 1889, to the 31st March, 1890.

Items.	Amounts.
	£ s. d.
Native land duty collected for the year ended the 31st March, 1890	6,210 10 9
Native Land Court fees received for the year ended the 31st March, 1890	3,675 19 0
Total	£9,886 9 9

[NOTE.—Information as to stamp duty on deeds of sale or lease of Native land received for the year ended the 31st March, 1890, cannot be included in this return. *Vide* memorandum by Secretary for Stamps attached.]

Native Office,
Wellington, 26th August, 1890.

T. W. LEWIS,
Under-Secretary.

MEMORANDUM for UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department.

Stamp Department (Head Office),
Wellington, 26th August, 1890.

IN reply to your memorandum of the 22nd instant, I regret to say that the receipts from ordinary stamp duty on deeds of sale or lease of Native land are not kept distinct from ordinary receipts on account of European deeds. It will be impossible for me to furnish you with the information you require to complete the return you are preparing in compliance with an order of the House of Representatives on the motion of Mr. Arthur.

C. A. HICKSON,
Pro Secretary for Stamps.

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