

1898.
NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1897-98.)

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

The SECRETARY for STAMPS to the HON. COMMISSIONER of STAMPS.

SIR,—
Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 17th May, 1898.
I have the honour to submit the following returns showing the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended 31st March, 1898.

- 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 Acts on the 31st of March last.
- 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 offices.

I have, &c.,

C. A. HICKSON,
Secretary for Stamps.

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

A.—STATEMENT of BUSINESS transacted under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS during the Year ended the 31st March, 1898.

DISTRICT.	APPLICATIONS.				TRANSFERS.				MORTGAGES.									
	AREA.		Value.		No.		AREA.		Value.		No.		AREA.		Value.			
	No.	Country.	Town and Suburban.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	1,597	726 3 14	A. R. P.	206,450 3 39	£ s. d.	1,022	515 2 28	A. R. P.	268,105 3 27	£ s. d.			
Auckland	100		150 3 1	2,452 2 10	63,927 0 0					343,128 8 5					464,401 17 1			
Taranaki	42		9 2 35	891 3 34	11,972 0 0	602	142 1 33	39,305 0 9	229,263 2 9	840	137,700 3 23	384,117 0 2						
Wellington	107		49 1 2	11,446 2 34	148,646 0 0	2,213	529 0 6	150,771 0 0	900,228 0 0	2,913	591,423 0 7	1,973,028 0 0						
Hawke's Bay	21		20 3 2	16,626 0 21	77,008 8 6	440	848 2 36	50,914 2 1	181,139 18 4	557	1,307 3 8	483,695 8 0						
Poverty Bay	5		20 1 0	7,851 0 0	18,187 0 0	140	196 1 38	45,803 2 6	79,489 8 3	171	232 1 21	322,898 7 5						
Nelson	13		4 1 10	978 1 13	5,745 5 0	277	87 1 30	19,886 3 15	68,898 17 0	279	61 0 11	44,773 3 30						
Marlborough	5		1 2 37	2,878 1 12	5,550 0 0	83	30 0 22	4,974 1 4	29,911 17 0	84	23 1 22	34,545 0 0						
Canterbury	212		42 1 30	20,859 1 6	226,608 0 0	2,065	486 1 2	253,497 2 18	1,087,243 0 0	1,887	853 2 5	392,434 2 22						
Otago	41		19 2 7	7,250 2 26	43,043 0 0	1,223	345 0 35	71,321 1 23	261,488 0 0	831	237 1 37	123,221 1 35						
Southland	31		9 1 0	1,733 1 6	11,711 0 0	868	587 3 20	90,620 2 14	253,629 19 7	698	606 2 12	155,742 3 26						
Westland	5		1 0 18	..	636 0 0	101	32 1 11	1,051 0 27	10,538 17 2	71	17 1 13	2,799 1 9						
Totals	582		329 0 22	72,968 1 2	613,028 13 6	9,609	4,012 3 7	934,596 3 36	3,444,959 8 6	8,653	3,804 0 21	2,348,790 2 19						
Corresponding period, 1896-97	565		964 3 17	38,560 0 7	457,523 0 0	8,832	3,909 2 4	1,291,270 3 13	3,310,633 19 8	8,909	3,761 1 5	2,021,866 3 20						
DISTRICT.	CERTIFICATES IN LIEU OF CROWN GRANTS.				CROWN GRANTS.				REVOCACTIONS.				MORTGAGES.					
	AREA.		Value.		No.		AREA.		Value.		No.		AREA.		Value.			
	No.	Country.	Town and Suburban.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	3	15 0 4	A. R. P.	1,093 3 25	£ s. d.	34	80	Plans deposited.	Trust Deeds, &c., deposited.	Leases.	Incumbrances.	Transmissions, &c.	Certificates issued.
Auckland	206		35,434 1 9	22,108 3 39	14,645 9 0													
Taranaki	23		3 1 17	3,173 2 19	3,448 6 8													
Wellington	580		140 1 19	221,683 0 9	57,287 0 0													
Hawke's Bay	75		26 2 38	15,014 1 0	8,000 0 0													
Poverty Bay	36		81 2 13	17,510 2 29	2,000 0 0													
Nelson	164		..	23,558 2 15	16,361 6 2													
Marlborough	14		..	10,682 1 10	5,682 0 0													
Canterbury	169		45 2 21	6,435 0 30	14,141 19 0													
Otago	124		79 3 8	16,125 3 36	4,239 10 1													
Southland	42		150 3 28	2,901 1 4	..													
Westland	..		..	..	..													
Totals	1433		35,962 2 33	339,193 3 31	123,805 10 11	5	15 1 24	1,125 1 25	1,575 0 0									
Corresponding period, 1896-97	1109		8,782 0 39	264,306 2 20	108,491 0 3	6	5 1 0	3,710 1 20	1,969 0 0									

B.—RETURN of FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1898.

District.	General Fees.	Assurance Fees.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	3,303 10 9	146 13 2	3,450 3 11
Taranaki	1,731 12 6	32 9 4	1,764 1 10
Wellington	5,940 9 0	312 0 6	6,252 9 6
Hawke's Bay	1,210 6 1	155 10 11	1,365 17 0
Poverty Bay	708 18 9	38 16 9	747 15 6
Nelson	599 2 0	74 15 8	673 17 8
Marlborough	209 17 0	5 7 3	215 4 3
Canterbury	5,301 9 8	480 9 8	5,781 19 4
Otago	2,197 5 8	88 1 7	2,285 7 3
Southland	1,591 16 0	29 19 5	1,621 15 5
Westland	186 7 0	1 9 0	187 16 0
Totals	22,980 14 5*	1,365 13 3	24,346 7 8
Corresponding period, 1896-97 ...	22,220 12 5†	1,084 3 11	23,304 16 4

NOTE.—Includes Crown-grant and district-agency fees: * £296 19s. 4d.; † £175 17s.

C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGE under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS on the 31st March, 1898.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1897.	Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1898.	Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1898.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	2,971,359 2 2	464,401 17 1	393,391 1 1	3,042,369 18 2
Taranaki	1,542,957 11 11	384,117 0 2	194,370 5 7	1,732,704 6 6
Wellington	6,556,730 12 6	1,373,028 0 0	907,197 0 0	7,022,561 12 6
Hawke's Bay	4,307,546 1 2	483,695 8 0	400,344 0 0	4,390,897 9 2
Poverty Bay	38,611 0 0	328,898 7 5	123,916 16 5	243,592 11 0
Nelson	884,779 17 2	109,069 18 1	48,016 1 8	945,833 13 7
Marlborough	248,544 11 7	34,545 0 0	27,494 0 0	255,595 11 7
Canterbury	8,643,784 8 0	1,086,549 0 0	1,331,657 0 0	8,398,676 8 0
Otago	2,837,617 0 0	463,641 0 0	407,526 0 0	2,893,732 0 0
Southland	3,012,580 15 5	380,776 0 8	248,107 12 10	3,145,249 3 3
Westland	68,410 0 1	17,985 14 2	5,220 7 5	81,175 6 10
Totals	31,112,921 0 0	5,126,707 5 7	4,087,240 5 0	32,152,388 0 7
Corresponding period, 1896-97	31,639,849 9 3	4,743,821 5 1	5,270,749 14 4	31,112,921 0 0

D.—RETURN showing ARREARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1898.

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	44	15	1	8	5	7	...
Taranaki	...	...	1	...	...	5	...
Wellington	42	5	...	82	14	145	...
Hawke's Bay	10	2	...	...	...	3	...
Poverty Bay	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson	4	1	...	2	...	2	...
Marlborough	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Canterbury	30	3	1	30	...	27	...
Otago	9	...	1	14	5	3	...
Southland	...	2	...	6	...	2	...
Westland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	144	28	5	142	24	194	...

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Wellington	52	40	61
Canterbury	19	19	25
Otago	4	..	3

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1897; the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION, and the NUMBER REGISTERED, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1898; also the NUMBER REMAINING on that date; and the AMOUNT of FEES collected during the same Period.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1897.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1898.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on 31st March, 1898.	Fees.
Auckland	194	4,229	4,227	174	£ 4,207 s. 4 d. 5
Taranaki	23	693	667	49	649 8 5
Wellington	54	2,318	2,326	30	2,398 15 0
Hawke's Bay	96	812	744	144	928 10 0
Poverty Bay	...	89	88	1	113 16 6
Nelson	5	567	569	3	521 5 6
Marlborough	...	311	311	...	389 1 0
Canterbury	19	1,355	1,335	34	1,461 6 0
Otago	9	1,489	1,469	29	1,478 14 0
Southland	38	316	345	9	320 7 0
Westland	...	74	60	14	67 1 6
Totals	438	12,253	12,141	487	£12,535 9 4*

					£	s.	d.
* Includes Crown-grant fees	..	..	..	..	173	12	10
Includes district-agency fees	..	..	..	..	18	5	0

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