

1903.
NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.
(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1902-3.)

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

The SECRETARY for STAMPS to the COMMISSIONER of STAMPS.

SIR,— Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 18th May, 1903.

I have the honour to submit the usual report on the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended 31st March, 1903.

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, 1903.

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.,

C. A. HICKSON,

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

Secretary for Stamps.

B.—RETURN of FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACT for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1903.

District.	General Fees.		Assurance Fees.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland ...	4,072	13 4	164	15 5	4,237	8 9
Taranaki ...	3,037	16 4	87	6 10	3,125	3 2
Wellington ...	7,766	17 7	459	0 8	8,225	18 3
Hawke's Bay ...	1,445	12 8	43	2 5	1,488	15 1
Poverty Bay ...	918	0 9	60	10 3	978	11 0
Nelson ...	748	17 6	11	11 4	760	8 10
Marlborough ...	307	6 6	57	12 2	364	18 8
Canterbury ...	7,042	18 6	649	13 0	7,692	11 6
Otago ...	2,969	5 0	218	8 2	3,187	13 2
Southland ...	2,102	5 6	8	3 6	2,110	9 0
Westland ...	348	1 1	2	4 1	350	5 2
Totals ...	*30,759	14 9	1,762	7 10	32,522	2 7
Corresponding period, 1901-2	+27,273	3 0	1,190	3 4	28,463	6 4

NOTE.—Includes Crown grants and district agency fees: * £110 3s. 5d.; † £80 13s. 6d.

C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGE under the LAND TRANSFER ACT on the 31st March, 1903.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1902.		Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1903.		Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.		Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1903.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland...	3,401,835	17 5	588,248	11 8	363,389	5 10	3,626,695	3 3
Taranaki...	3,004,091	1 5	960,053	2 0	538,197	0 0	3,425,947	3 5
Wellington...	10,798,415	12 6	1,943,380	0 0	1,203,292	0 0	11,538,503	12 6
Hawke's Bay...	4,884,608	11 11	579,029	7 8	424,385	0 0	5,039,252	19 7
Poverty Bay...	552,182	12 2	279,327	7 1	129,449	0 0	702,060	19 3
Nelson...	1,073,067	9 7	95,083	19 9	67,024	13 1	1,101,126	16 3
Marlborough...	468,535	5 11	58,644	0 0	35,919	0 0	491,260	5 11
Canterbury...	8,916,274	8 0	1,699,904	0 0	1,401,255	0 0	9,214,923	8 0
Otago...	3,236,509	0 0	450,691	0 0	388,275	0 0	3,298,925	0 0
Southland...	4,123,696	14 10	496,417	18 6	288,900	2 6	4,331,214	10 10
Westland...	127,951	18 8	34,856	17 2	25,947	3 5	136,861	12 5
Totals ...	40,587,168	12 5	7,185,636	3 10	4,866,033	4 10	42,906,771	11 5
Corresponding period, 1901-2	37,767,650	3 9	6,944,769	11 10	4,125,251	3 2	40,587,168	12 5

D.—RETURN showing ARREARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1903.

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 ...	40	30	...	...	15	...	...
Taranaki ...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Wellington ...	49	5	2	98	17	51	...
Hawke's Bay...	4	1	9	...	...	10	...
Poverty Bay...	3	...	...	10	...	1	...
Nelson ...	5	...	...	3	1	1	...
Marlborough...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	26	2	8	41	5	75	...
Otago ...	25	...	4	13	3	6	...
Southland ...	5	2	1	10	2	...	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	...	95	...	...
Totals ...	161	40	28	175	138	144	...

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Wellington ..	129	112	107
Poverty Bay ..	8	..	2
Canterbury ..	30	22	56
Otago ..	7	6	5
Southland ..	3	4	7

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1902; the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION, and the NUMBER REGISTERED, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1903; also the NUMBER REMAINING on that date; and the AMOUNT of FEES collected during the same Period.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1902.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1903.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on 31st March, 1903.	Fees.
					£ s. d.
Auckland	178	4,696	4,214	660	4,782 11 6
Taranaki	46	1,048	1,061	33	937 7 0
Wellington	28	2,666	2,010	684	2,784 17 2
Hawke's Bay	18	755	703	70	846 11 6
Poverty Bay	5	57	62	...	77 17 9
Nelson	41	736	775	2	655 4 0
Marlborough	12	387	329	70	407 15 0
Canterbury	88	1,265	1,288	65	1,340 3 6
Otago	13	1,797	1,745	65	1,834 3 6
Southland	6	462	463	5	484 6 0
Westland ... ..	...	80	80	...	65 10 0
Totals	435	13,949	12,730	1,654	£14,216 6 11*

* Includes Crown grant fees, £355 11s. 5d; and district agency fees, £20 5s.

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