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.

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C. A. HICKSON,

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

Secretary for Stamps.

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B.—Return of Fees received under the Land Transfer Act for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1903.

	District.			General I	Pees	.	Assurance	Fe	es.	Total.		
	,			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	đ.
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
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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 Mort- gage on 31st March, 1902.				Mo th	Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1903.			Amount of Mort- gages paid off during the same Period.				Amount remaining secured by Mort- gage on 31st March, 1903.					
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Wellington		,		,415			1,94	,		_	1,203	,		0			, 503		6
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Otago		3,	236	509	0	0	45	0.691	0	0	388	.275	0	0	3.	298°	925	0	0
Southland		4.	123	696	14	10	49	6.417	18	6	288	,900	2	6	,		214		10
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D.—RETURN showing ARREARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1903.

District.	Applications awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	detained for	during the	Unregistered Instruments awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Unregistered Instruments detained in the Survey Office.	of Title due but	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	$\frac{4}{3}$			10		1	
Nelson	5			3	1	1	
Marlborough	4	•••	•••	_	-	•	•••
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Canterbury		4		13		75 6	•••
Otago	25		4		3	6	•••
Southland	5	2	1	10	2	•••	• • •
Westland	•••	•••	•••	•••	95	•••	***
Totals	161	40	28	175	138	144	•••

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Wellington	 	 		Transfers. 129	Mortgages. 112	Miscellaneous. 107
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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.	Fee	es.	
					£	s.	d.
Auckland	178	4,696	4,214	660	$\frac{2}{4,782}$	11	6
Pawan alsi	 46	1,048	1,061	33	937	7	ŏ
Wallington	 28	2,666	2,010	684		17	2
Harrira'a Barr	 18	755	703	70		11	6
Dorrowter Borr	 5	57	62		77	17	9
Volgon	 41	736	775	2	655	4	0
Marlhorough .	 12	387	329	70	407	15	0
Contorbury	 88	1,265	1,288	65	1,340	3	6
)toro	 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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