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NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION:

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1906-7.

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

The COMMISSIONER OF STAMPS to the MINISTER OF STAMPS.

SIR,—

Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 15th May, 1907.

I have the honour to submit the usual report on the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended the 31st March, 1907.

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, 1907.

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,
Commissioner of Stamps.

The Minister of Stamps, Wellington.

A.—STATEMENT of BUSINESS transacted under the LAND TRANSFER ACT during the Year ended the 31st March, 1907.

DISTRICT.	APPLICATIONS.				TRANSFERS.				MORTGAGES.			
	No.	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.
		Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.	
Auckland	147	A. R. P. 70 0 1	A. 13,925 0 1	£ s. d. 141,050 2 0	3,097 1 128	A. R. P. 443,211 1 16	A. 83,640 2 0	£ s. d. 1,323,137 10 9	2,312	A. R. P. 502,869 0 14	A. 231,843 2 26	£ s. d. 1,157,451 4 8
Taranaki	21	3 2 37	1,699 0 5	31,741 0 0	845 192 0 26	83,640 2 0	418,956 1 34	649,819 0 0	1,304	502,869 0 14	231,843 2 26	893,273 0 0
Wellington	140	69 2 20	9,355 0 14	397,419 0 0	4,636 2,095 3 5	418,956 1 34	1,066,503 16 6	3,587,236 0 0	5,286	1,034,523 3 26	1,034,523 3 26	4,275,770 0 0
Hawke's Bay	29	37 0 26	20,715 3 34	153,824 0 0	1,003 619 2 23	190,984 0 34	1,066,503 16 6	3,587,236 0 0	831	324,985 2 33	324,985 2 33	1,128,510 5 6
Poverty Bay	7	1 0 0	96 0 0	13,570 0 0	448 271 0 31	210,240 0 24	543,316 17 6	1,066,503 16 6	415	319,242 3 33	319,242 3 33	495,262 0 0
Nelson	32	19 1 29	4,236 1 27	40,192 5 0	495 168 3 12	120,914 2 29	168,958 0 9	231,118 11 3	450	56,744 1 22	56,744 1 22	200,014 15 9
Marlborough	18	10 0 27	414 1 33	15,432 7 2	236 104 1 16	173,698 2 28	211,118 11 3	231,118 11 3	187	131,978 2 25	131,978 2 25	176,481 5 0
Canterbury	232	46 1 5	33,860 3 7	343,985 0 0	4,018 1,196 2 36	765,182 1 31	4,661,142 0 0	3,751 895 2 18	3,751	707,842 2 24	707,842 2 24	3,042,973 0 0
Otago	46	43 2 28	3,255 3 22	58,642 0 0	1,948 477 2 26	152,015 0 35	797,196 0 0	1,416 332 1 21	1,416	168,877 3 36	168,877 3 36	667,745 0 0
Southland	13	5 2 30	100 2 14	4,512 1 1	1,419 423 2 20	140,038 3 0	639,120 19 0	1,018 386 2 15	1,018	166,610 1 22	166,610 1 22	638,742 8 1
Westland	5	0 3 25	..	573 10 0	243 75 0 4	10,706 3 23	47,464 13 2	135 166 3 18	135	5,242 2 9	5,242 2 9	32,549 5 7
Totals	690	307 2 28	87,719 0 37	1,200,941 11 8	18,388 6,683 0 10	2,709,539 1 14	13,635,013 8 11	17,105 5,712 2 30	17,105	3,650,561 3 30	3,650,561 3 30	12,708,772 4 7
Corresponding period, 1905-6	657	379 0 38	161,871 3 14	1,405,765 12 6	17,045 6,339 3 16	2,056,485 0 36	11,102,480 13 0	15,746 4,760 1 25	15,746	2,903,882 0 5	2,903,882 0 5	10,944,149 8 5

DISTRICT.	CERTIFICATES IN LIEU OF CROWN GRANTS.				CROWN GRANTS.				TRANSFERS.			
	No.	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.
		Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.	
Auckland	234	A. R. P. 58 0 27	A. 29,384 0 32	£ s. d. 8,288 14 5	26	A. R. P. 7,910 2 34	A. 13,925 0 1	141,050 2 0	3,097	A. R. P. 443,211 1 16	A. 83,640 2 0	£ s. d. 1,323,137 10 9
Taranaki	94	25 3 16	33,484 1 2	12,354 2 1	..	..	..	..	845	443,211 1 16	418,956 1 34	649,819 0 0
Wellington	227	106 3 25	39,502 0 15	8,058 9 5	..	..	..	..	4,636	83,640 2 0	418,956 1 34	1,066,503 16 6
Hawke's Bay	48	4 1 20	9,490 3 36	..	..	..	..	..	1,003	190,984 0 34	1,066,503 16 6	3,587,236 0 0
Poverty Bay	55	51 3 23	14,843 3 35	..	..	..	..	..	448	210,240 0 24	543,316 17 6	1,066,503 16 6
Nelson	58	0 1 20	7,278 0 21	4,338 13 8	..	..	..	..	495	120,914 2 29	168,958 0 9	231,118 11 3
Marlborough	17	4 2 18	33,802 1 26	15,687 6 11	..	..	..	..	236	173,698 2 28	211,118 11 3	231,118 11 3
Canterbury	62	14 0 22	1,607 1 39	..	..	..	..	..	4,018	765,182 1 31	4,661,142 0 0	3,751 895 2 18
Otago	93	48 1 38	5,084 3 15	5,458 0 0	..	..	..	..	1,948	152,015 0 35	797,196 0 0	1,416 332 1 21
Southland	149	141 1 8	18,008 2 11	13,824 14 4	..	..	..	..	1,419	140,038 3 0	639,120 19 0	1,018 386 2 15
Westland	37	11 2 37	2,752 0 5	..	..	..	..	..	243	10,706 3 23	47,464 13 2	135 166 3 18
Totals	1074	467 3 14	195,238 3 37	68,010 0 5	26	7,910 2 34	13,925 0 1	141,050 2 0	18,388	2,709,539 1 14	13,635,013 8 11	17,105 5,712 2 30
Corresponding period, 1905-6	904	564 3 8	111,888 2 37	34,611 14 6	10	412 2 27	..	..	17,045	2,056,485 0 36	11,102,480 13 0	15,746 4,760 1 25

DISTRICT.	CERTIFICATES IN LIEU OF CROWN GRANTS.					CROWN GRANTS.					Caveats.	Registration Ab- stracts.	Powers of Attorney.	Revocation Orders.	Searches.	General Searches.	Caveats against Dealing.	Plans deposited.	Trust Deeds, &c., deposited.	Leases.	Encumbrances.	Transmissions, &c.	Certificates issued.
	AREA.		Value.	No.	AREA.		Value.																
	No.	Town and Suburban.			Country.	Town and Suburban.		Country.															
..	234	A. R. P. 58 0 27	A. 29,384 0 32	£ s. d. 8,288 14 5	26	A. R. P. 7,910 2 34	A. 13,925 0 1	£ s. d. 141,050 2 0	2	..	85	..	..	..	2,832	41	148	256	..	551	..	270	1,562
Auckland	94	25 3 16	33,484 1 2	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	26	..	..	..	1,215	57	41	80	3	551	1	83	336
Taranaki	227	106 3 25	39,502 0 15	12,354 2 1	..	..	..	..	1	..	138	..	..	..	4,399	340	306	136	51	679	3	469	2,869
Wellington	48	4 1 20	9,490 3 36	8,058 9 5	..	..	..	..	1	..	30	..	..	..	1,236	69	56	140	4	169	4	84	476
Hawke's Bay	55	51 3 23	14,843 3 35	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	21	..	..	..	676	33	27	59	1	110	..	678	267
Poverty Bay	58	0 1 20	7,278 0 21	4,338 13 8	..	..	..	..	1	..	14	..	..	..	194	7	6	18	3	87	2	83	181
Nelson	55	4 2 18	33,802 1 26	16,687 6 11	..	..	..	..	7	..	8	..	..	..	193	6	7	20	..	120	1	..	62
Marlborough	17	14 0 22	1,607 1 39	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	107	..	..	..	4,091	402	124	139	..	246	..	397	2,074
Canterbury	62	48 1 38	5,084 3 15	5,458 0 0	..	..	..	..	1	..	63	..	..	..	1,384	38	46	50	2	213	..	333	643
Otago	93	141 1 8	18,008 2 11	13,824 14 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	1,037	122	23	81	7	236	..	128	532
Southland	149	11 2 37	2,752 0 5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	49	4	4	11	4	173	..	129	61
Westland	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	1074	467 3 14	195,238 3 37	68,010 0 5	26	7,910 2 34	A. 13,925 0 1	£ s. d. 141,050 2 0	22	..	524	1	17,336	1,119	788	990	75	2,991	11	2,654	11	2,402	9,063
Corresponding period, 1905-6	904	564 3 8	111,888 2 37	34,611 14 6	10	412 2 27	..	..	37	..	503	2	16,710	1,051	670	1,063	77	2,923	2	2,402	2	2,402	8,568

B.—RETURN of FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACT for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1907.

District.	General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	5,809	4	5	296	17	6	6,106	1	11
Taranaki ...	2,515	2	11	98	14	1	2,613	17	0
Wellington ...	12,084	2	5	679	3	4	12,763	5	9
Hawke's Bay ...	2,114	11	0	443	3	2	2,557	14	2
Poverty Bay ...	1,089	19	9	22	9	5	1,112	9	2
Nelson ...	979	4	0	83	16	1	1,063	0	1
Marlborough ...	476	0	0	30	10	6	506	10	6
Canterbury ...	8,963	11	4	760	17	5	9,724	8	9
Otago ...	3,367	16	0	107	11	11	3,475	7	11
Southland ...	2,401	12	1	8	18	6	2,410	10	7
Westland ...	346	6	0	1	17	9	348	3	9
Totals ...	40,147	9	11*	2,533	19	8	42,681	9	7
Corresponding period, 1905-6 ...	37,425	9	0†	2,680	11	6	40,106	0	6

NOTE.—Includes Crown-grant and district-agency fees: * £140 8s. 1d.; † £61 12s. 4d.

C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGE under the LAND TRANSFER ACT on the 31st March, 1907.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1906.			Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1907.			Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.			Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1907.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland...	4,551,616	9	3	1,157,451	4	8	616,958	0	8	5,092,109	13	3
Taranaki...	4,340,979	14	1	893,273	0	0	617,927	0	0	4,616,325	14	1
Wellington...	15,500,417	12	6	4,275,770	0	0	2,344,754	0	0	17,431,433	12	6
Hawke's Bay...	5,918,044	3	7	1,128,510	5	6	629,532	0	0	6,417,022	9	1
Poverty Bay...	906,513	17	11	495,262	0	0	233,038	0	0	1,168,737	17	11
Nelson ...	1,228,121	5	2	200,014	15	9	95,264	18	11	1,332,871	2	0
Marlborough...	612,723	15	11	176,481	5	0	68,111	4	9	721,093	16	2
Canterbury...	11,643,665	8	0	3,042,973	0	0	1,559,263	0	0	13,127,375	8	0
Otago ...	3,734,570	0	0	667,745	0	0	544,960	0	0	3,857,355	0	0
Southland...	4,873,849	6	9	638,742	8	1	353,496	0	0	5,159,095	14	10
Westland...	169,597	2	9	32,549	5	7	28,496	8	10	173,649	19	6
Totals ...	53,480,098	15	11	12,708,772	4	7	7,091,800	13	2	59,097,070	7	4
Corresponding period, 1905-6	49,030,811	4	0	10,944,149	8	5	6,494,861	16	6	53,480,098	15	11

D.—RETURN showing ARREARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1907.

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 ...	60	44	8	6	14	47	...
Taranaki ...	3	...	2	13	...	...	...
Wellington ...	43	7	...	231	30	91	...
Hawke's Bay...	15	1	...	...	...	10	...
Poverty Bay ...	1	...	1	8	...	2	...
Nelson ...	5	2	...	2	7	7	...
Marlborough ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	22	5	...	68	32	180	...
Otago ...	19	...	...	10	...	12	...
Southland ...	6	...	...	8	4	12	...
Westland ...	1	...	...	...	72	72	...
Totals ...	175	59	12	346	159	433	...

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Auckland	41	27	23
Wellington	94	96	103
Poverty Bay	2	1	1
Canterbury	100	106	79
Otago	19	14	12
Southland	19	17	14

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1906; the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION, and the NUMBER REGISTERED, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1907; also the NUMBER REMAINING on that date; and the AMOUNT of FEES collected during the same Period.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1906.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1907.	Registered during the same Period.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1907.	Fees.
					£ s. d.
Auckland	103	5,225	5,127	201	5,155 8 6
Taranaki	21	771	760	32	752 16 6
Wellington	200	2,770	2,742	228	2,788 15 7
Hawke's Bay	156	1,367	1,278	245	1,576 12 3
Poverty Bay	...	64	64	...	72 4 0
Nelson	8	882	881	9	782 2 6
Marlborough	83	442	507	18	437 5 0
Canterbury	48	1,488	1,473	63	1,513 3 0
Otago	40	2,023	1,964	99	1,969 10 0
Southland	40	528	562	6	507 10 6
Westland	...	77	77	...	59 3 6
Totals	699	15,637	15,435	901	15,614 11 4*

* Includes Crown-grant fees, £301 1s. 1d.; and district-agency fees, £12 5s.

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