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NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION:

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1913-14.

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

THE SECRETARY FOR LAND AND DEEDS to the MINISTER OF STAMPS.

SIR,—

Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 22nd May, 1914.

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, 1914.

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, 1914.

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.,

P. C. CORLISS,

The Minister of Stamp Duties, Wellington.

Secretary for Land and Deeds.

A.—STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st MARCH, 1914.

District.	Applications.			Certificates Issued.	Transfers.			Consideration Money.	No.	Mortgages.			
	No.	Area.			No.	Area.				No.	Area.		
		Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.				Town and Suburban.	Country.	
1913-14.								£				£	
Auckland	199	90	21,023	3,429	6,876	3,098	669,734	4,113,834	6,072	A.	1,646	976,948	3,651,799
Taranaki	23	8	1,076	406	1,145	310	120,740	957,318	2,033	A.	368	347,236	1,341,201
Wellington	52	6	29,863	2,126	4,671	1,682	308,558	3,528,055	4,724	A.	1,400	796,579	4,169,733
Hawke's Bay	13	3	2,959	750	1,416	234	244,097	1,574,999	1,399	A.	190	447,906	1,894,420
Poverty Bay	1	..	1,484	384	625	243	96,496	564,189	866	A.	258	398,065	734,322
Nelson	15	2	1,070	148	524	78	64,864	255,233	583	A.	222	124,536	259,447
Marlborough	14	4	18,167	169	268	89	131,597	349,038	285	A.	98	256,413	395,454
Canterbury	195	34	47,145	2,229	4,390	739	289,549	2,912,709	4,186	A.	644	777,774	3,324,817
Otago	31	5	790	840	2,405	376	140,165	1,240,436	2,154	A.	392	463,511	1,212,452
Southland	20	4	135	677	1,518	464	130,313	771,467	1,527	A.	362	254,242	1,041,252
Westland	..	..	..	48	145	20	10,155	40,359	159	A.	62	18,953	55,803
Corresponding period, 1912-13	563	156	123,712	11,206	23,983	7,333	2,206,268	16,307,637	23,988	A.	5,642	4,862,163	18,080,701
	656	394	108,945	11,430	24,495	7,471	2,516,821	17,325,730	23,883	A.	10,965	5,549,385	18,643,708

District.	Certificates of Title in lieu of Crown Grants.				Caveats.	Registration Abstracts.	Powers of Attorney.	Revocation Orders.	Searches.	General Searches	Caveats against Dealing.	Plans deposited.	Trust Deeds, &c., deposited.	Leases.	Encumbrances.	Transmissions, &c.
	No.	Area.		Value.												
		Town and Suburban.	Country.													
1913-14.																
Auckland	847	A. 3,060	A. 166,541	£ 46,614	12	..	142	..	6,555	150	424	624	..	967	..	6,281
Taranaki	143	14	73,663	..	2	..	31	..	2,454	150	72	107	1	450	..	234
Wellington	175	53	90,942	..	5	..	161	..	5,078	383	431	260	56	638	2	734
Hawke's Bay	18	..	6,501	4,609	..	..	65	..	1,713	91	78	148	4	166	3	1,136
Poverty Bay	46	367	9,482	..	..	..	34	..	1,283	98	42	81	..	107	..	1,013
Nelson	79	8	165,641	4,520	..	..	10	..	441	16	33	62	41	370	2	380
Marlborough	18	14	2,299	1,883	1	..	14	..	377	22	19	50	..	46	..	44
Canterbury	49	4	12,822	..	3	..	113	1	5,651	566	277	394	2	310	..	4,569
Otago	104	58	5,821	5,225	..	..	58	..	2,170	130	71	79	43	129	3	2,130
Southland	171	13	19,479	12,121	1	..	30	..	1,835	69	85	131	9	172	5	1,424
Westland	11	21	1,107	..	47	..	3	..	89	10	4	9	..	107	..	269
	1,661	3,612	554,298	74,972	71	..	661	1	27,646	1,685	1,536	1,945	156	3,462	15	18,214
	1,645	5,182	367,686	158,982	8	..	663	1	24,606	1,725	1,474	1,731	139	3,538	8	13,917
Corresponding period, 1912-13																

B.—RETURN OF FEES RECEIVED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	13,959	0	0	849	0	0	14,808	0	0
Taranaki ...	3,574	0	0	84	0	0	3,658	0	0
Wellington ...	10,838	0	0	446	0	0	11,284	0	0
Hawke's Bay ...	3,147	0	0	77	0	0	3,224	0	0
Poverty Bay ...	1,820	0	0	39	0	0	1,859	0	0
Nelson ...	1,396	0	0	49	0	0	1,445	0	0
Marlborough ...	729	0	0	251	0	0	980	0	0
Canterbury ...	9,973	0	0	816	0	0	10,789	0	0
Otago ...	4,428	0	0	43	0	0	4,471	0	0
Southland ...	3,134	0	0	13	0	0	3,147	0	0
Westland ...	434	0	0	...			434	0	0
Totals ...	53,432	0	0*	2,677	0	0	5,099	0	0
Corresponding period, 1912-13 ...	53,445	0	0†	2,420	0	0	55,865	0	0

* Includes Crown-grants and district-agency fees, £37.

† Includes Crown-grants and district-agency fees, £34.

C.—RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REMAINING SECURED BY MORTGAGE UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on the 31st March, 1913.			Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1914.			Amount of Mortgages paid off during the Year ended 31st March, 1914.			Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on the 31st March, 1914.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland...	13,956,235	0	0	3,651,799	0	0	1,523,420	0	0	16,084,614	0	0
Taranaki...	7,933,808	0	0	1,341,201	0	0	753,525	0	0	8,521,484	0	0
Wellington...	26,570,468	0	0	4,169,733	0	0	2,879,385	0	0	27,860,816	0	0
Hawke's Bay...	9,690,147	0	0	1,894,420	0	0	822,667	0	0	10,761,900	0	0
Poverty Bay...	3,032,293	0	0	734,322	0	0	410,428	0	0	3,356,187	0	0
Nelson ...	1,790,803	0	0	259,447	0	0	128,526	0	0	1,921,724	0	0
Marlborough...	1,307,635	0	0	395,454	0	0	114,953	0	0	1,588,136	0	0
Canterbury...	20,626,401	0	0	3,324,817	0	0	2,306,998	0	0	21,644,220	0	0
Otago ...	5,890,644	0	0	1,212,453	0	0	690,141	0	0	6,412,956	0	0
Southland ...	6,667,576	0	0	1,041,252	0	0	555,499	0	0	7,153,329	0	0
Westland ...	350,365	0	0	55,803	0	0	19,513	0	0	386,655	0	0
Totals ...	97,816,375	0	0	18,080,701	0	0	10,205,055	0	0	105,692,021	0	0
Corresponding period, 1912-13	90,138,264	0	0	18,643,708	0	0	18,965,598	0	0	97,816,375	0	0

D.—RETURN SHOWING ARREARS IN THE LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

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 ...	120	111	18	79	45	261	44
Taranaki ...	7	...	...	6	...	4	...
Wellington ...	10	3	...	199	56	160	3
Hawke's Bay...	3	1	2	...	...	15	...
Poverty Bay ...	6	...	...	2	...	13	...
Nelson ...	3	7	1	6	23	18	...
Marlborough ...	1	...	...	...	2	10	1
Canterbury ...	22	13	...	80	20	80	...
Otago ...	5	...	...	23	...	40	...
Southland ...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	65	...	41	...
Totals ...	177	135	21	465	146	642	48

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Auckland ...	185	157	136
Wellington ...	132	140	180
Poverty Bay ...	11	12	17
Nelson ...	...	16	2
Marlborough ...	6	3	6
Canterbury ...	69	58	62
Otago ...	20	13	8
Totals ...	423	399	411

E.—RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEEDS REMAINING UNREGISTERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1913; THE NUMBER RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION AND THE NUMBER REGISTERED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1914; ALSO THE NUMBER REMAINING ON THAT DATE, AND THE AMOUNT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1913.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1914.	Registered during the same Period.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1914.	Fees.
Auckland ...	221	7,733	7,725	229	£ 7,548
Taranaki ...	3	782	765	20	720
Wellington ...	197	2,208	2,301	104	2,161
Hawke's Bay ...	69	1,415	1,360	124	1,523
Poverty Bay ...	...	63	63	...	65
Nelson ...	100	966	1,008	58	827
Marlborough ...	3	432	423	14	429
Canterbury ...	28	1,455	1,209	274	1,362
Otago ...	202	2,334	2,387	149	2,181
Southland ...	3	633	629	7	599
Westland ...	...	72	69	3	55
Totals ...	826	18,093	17,939	982	17,470*

* Includes Crown-grant fees, £188; and district-agency fees, £6.

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