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NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT, 1917-18.

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

The SECRETARY FOR LAND AND DEEDS to the MINISTER OF STAMP DUTIES.

SIR,—

Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 29th July, 1918.

I have the honour to submit the usual report on the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Department for the year ended the 31st March, 1918.

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, 1918.

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 unrecorded on the 31st March last ; also the fees received in the Deeds Registration Offices.

I have, &c.,

P. C. CORLISS,

The Minister of Stamp Duties, Wellington.

Secretary for Land and Deeds.

A.—STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1918.

District.	Applications.				Certificates in Lieu of Crown Grants.				Transfers.				Mortgages.													
	Area.		Value.	Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.												
	Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.		Town and Suburban.	Country.		Town and Suburban.	Country.														
District.	Number.	Acres.	£	74	Acres.	362	237,661	3,184	Acres.	1,042,299	£	3,179	Acres.	1,173	785,747	2,705	Acres.	946,597	£	2,952,894						
																					24	18,799	195,598	1,264	322	237,661	3,184	2,028	3,487,903	760,121	1,173
						
						
						
						
						
						
						
						
						
						
						
Totals, 1917-18 ..	149	99	215,651	167	89,388	749,438	2,125	1,040	392,159	11,998	6,156	4,594,921	7,951	2,008,370	13,488,713	7,680	4,118	3,280,235	8,219	3,559,517	11,599,405					
Totals, 1916-17 ..	185	133	274,285	224	37,447	754,858	1,940	894	127,387	13,672	798,316	18,321,960	8,515	2,676,691	15,986,871	9,462	4,342	4,215,266	9,341	3,714,395	13,389,258					
District.	Number.	Discharges.	Total Amount discharged.	Number of Caveats entered against Applications.	Number of Caveats entered against Dealings.	Certificates of Title issued (other than Certificates in Lieu of Crown Grants).	Number of Charging orders registered.	Number of Ejectment orders registered.	Number of Leases registered.	Number of Leases (Crown) registered.	Number of Orders of the Court registered.	Number of Orders in Council registered.	Number of Powers of Attorney and Reversion orders deposited.	Number of Proclamations deposited.	Number of Searches (Ordinary).	Number of Searches (State Advances).	Number of Searches (General).	Number of Transmissions registered (including Notices of Marriages, &c.).	Number of Trusts and other Instruments deposited.	Number of Wages Protection and Contractors' Liens.	Miscellaneous.	General Fees.	Assurance Fees.	District Agency Fees.		
																									£	
	2,931	..	1,601,650	14	394	2,597	37	..	445	331	563	635	105	292	259	4,572	409	172	1,211	..	4	1,762	12,550	541	3	
	3,484	..	2,668,047	2	189	2,250	16	2	450	129	347	175	25	196	41	4,099	74	210	656	..	2	3	1,415	9,003	325	1
	1,045	..	740,365	1	30	356	6	2	238	45	68	45	36	60	20	1,480	54	63	182	685	2,873	42	3
	803	..	753,545	..	48	547	2	2	119	76	98	125	31	55	33	1,390	28	80	294	591	2,621	59	..
	420	..	519,569	..	19	234	1	..	162	12	99	148	20	42	10	613	15	47	259	416	1,566	84	..
	331	..	144,219	..	32	175	1	..	20	79	45	22	25	336	2	26	107	1	147	982	18	..
	174	..	248,026	..	6	45	..	1	8	23	14	15	11	274	..	29	43	40	451	293	..
	2,259	..	1,788,919	..	130	1,133	1	1	153	89	156	4	7	139	23	3,920	70	377	653	..	4	3	1,004	6,749	190	..
	1,164	..	612,779	1	11	429	1	1	98	183	54	6	11	58	24	1,203	17	70	423	213	2,837	160	..
	831	..	541,803	..	26	298	2	10	72	108	40	5	4	39	27	1,042	2	55	210	..	1	..	462	2,258	32	..
	84	..	23,980	..	9	41	1	..	41	30	16	2	..	4	6	74	2	15	59	170	321
Totals, 1917-18 ..	13,526	9,642,902	8,105	68	894	8,105	68	18	1,806	1,105	1,500	1,145	239	922	479	19,003	673	1,144	4,097	10	11	6,905	42,211	1,744	5	
Totals, 1916-17 ..	14,677	10,660,938	8,410	80	949	8,410	80	18	1,975	1,505	1,768	1,250	234	962	588	21,540	1,135	1,238	3,912	20	27	7,436	46,556	1,655	4	

B.—RETURN OF FEES RECEIVED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1918.

District.	General Fees.	Assurance Fees.	District Agency Fees.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ...	12,550 2 3	541 4 0	0 15 0
Taranaki ...	2,872 18 2	41 12 11	1 4 0
Wellington ...	9,002 19 4	325 10 10	3 0 0
Hawke's Bay ...	2,621 3 10	58 17 10	...
Poverty Bay ...	1,566 4 9	83 18 5	...
Nelson ...	981 7 0	18 2 9	...
Marlborough ...	451 3 0	293 1 0	...
Canterbury ...	6,748 16 0	189 11 2	...
Otago ...	2,837 5 8	159 18 11	...
Southland ...	2,257 16 8	32 2 5	...
Westland ...	320 18 7	...	...
Totals ...	42,210 15 3	1,744 0 3	4 19 0
Corresponding period, 1916-17 ...	46,551 6 8	1,655 0 1	4 4 0

C.—RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY SECURED BY MORTGAGE UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1918.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on the 31st March, 1917.	Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1918.	Amount of Mortgage paid off during the same Period.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on the 31st March, 1918.
	£	£	£	£
Auckland...	22,723,816	3,738,641	1,601,650	24,860,807
Taranaki...	10,380,796	1,247,947	740,365	10,888,378
Wellington...	32,450,823	3,479,322	2,668,047	33,262,098
Hawke's Bay...	12,916,640	1,305,010	753,545	13,468,105
Poverty Bay...	4,210,555	836,908	519,569	4,527,894
Nelson ...	2,238,936	184,768	144,219	2,279,485
Marlborough...	2,167,651	215,036	248,026	2,134,661
Canterbury...	24,474,336	2,441,969	1,788,919	25,127,386
Otago ...	7,372,098	710,167	612,779	7,469,486
Southland...	8,257,105	692,307	541,803	8,407,609
Westland ...	446,228	27,565	23,980	449,813
Totals ...	127,638,984	14,879,640	9,642,902	132,875,722

Return showing Number and Amount of Mortgages released in each District from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918.

District.	Number.	Amount.
		£
Auckland ..	4,169	2,244,128
Poverty Bay ...	431	561,229
Hawke's Bay ...	1,085	1,015,267
Taranaki ...	1,185	828,785
Wellington ...	3,916	3,035,738
Marlborough...	249	294,404
Nelson ...	484	198,149
Canterbury ...	2,486	1,967,321
Otago ...	1,560	819,624
Southland ...	944	623,162
Westland ...	91	26,710
Totals ...	16,600	£11,614,517

D.—RETURN SHOWING ARREARS IN THE LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1918.

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 ...	168	57	10	135	74	285	21
Taranaki ...	5	...	...	10	...	10	..
Wellington ...	13	7	2	390	191	249	...
Hawke's Bay ...	2	1	...	22	...	32	8
Poverty Bay ...	4	...	...	2	...	14	...
Nelson ...	3	2	...	8	7	7	...
Marlborough ...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...
Canterbury ...	19	8	2	67	14	100	...
Otago ...	8	...	...	14	...	5	...
Southland ...	2	...	1	14	...	32	2
Westland ...	...	...	...	16	...	14	...
Totals ...	224	78	15	681	286	751	31

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Auckland ...	283	241	358
Taranaki ...	...	...	...
Wellington ...	246	169	300
Hawke's Bay ...	40	11	13
Poverty Bay ...	8	10	31
Nelson ...	...	...	...
Marlborough ...	3	3	2
Canterbury ...	59	34	61
Otago ...	10	13	12
Southland ...	20	16	28
Westland ...	...	...	...
Totals ...	669	497	805

E.—RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEEDS REMAINING UNREGISTERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1917; THE NUMBER RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION AND THE NUMBER REGISTERED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1918; ALSO THE NUMBER REMAINING ON THAT DATE, AND THE AMOUNT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1917.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1918.	Recorded during the same Period.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1918.	Fees.
Auckland ...	233	5,982	5,978	237	£ 5,764 s. 5 d. 9
Taranaki ...	12	655	646	21	586 15 0
Wellington ...	41	1,988	1,741	288	1,858 19 0
Hawke's Bay ...	79	1,083	1,070	92	1,093 8 6
Poverty Bay ...	...	48	45	3	42 18 0
Nelson ...	7	728	732	3	645 10 0
Marlborough ...	40	342	376	6	328 10 0
Canterbury ...	48	1,084	1,082	50	1,021 13 0
Otago ...	30	1,559	1,552	37	1,454 1 6
Southland ...	39	412	402	49	392 17 6
Westland	49	49	...	36 19 6
Totals ...	529	13,930	13,673	786	13,225 17 9

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