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NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT, 1926-27.

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

Head Office, Stamp Duties Department, Wellington, 1st August, 1927.

THE HON. THE MINISTER OF STAMP DUTIES, WELLINGTON.

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, 1927.

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, 1927.
- 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.

The following table shows at a glance the amount of registration business under the Land Transfer and the Deeds Registration Acts transacted during the last five years :—

Year ended 31st March.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Instruments	136,028	154,805	168,523	188,622	158,883
Searches (Land Transfer Act only) ..	35,468	45,205	43,965	45,577	41,726
Fees, excluding fees under compulsory registration Act, 1924.	£83,473	£94,635	£100,623	£106,526	£97,990

Fees under compulsory registration Act, 1924—Paid, £6,843 15s.; outstanding, £11,266 5s.

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