

1889.
NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1888-89.)

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

The SECRETARY for STAMPS to the Hon. the COMMISSIONER of STAMPS.

SIR,— Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 30th April, 1889.
I have the honour to submit the following returns showing the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended the 31st March, 1889:—

A.—The business transacted under the Land Transfer Acts.
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 Acts on the 31st March last.
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 Offices.

I have, &c.,

J. SPERREY,

Secretary for Stamps.

The Hon. the Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

A.—STATEMENT of Business transacted under the Land Transfer Acts during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1889.

DISTRICT.	APPLICATIONS.						TRANSFERS.						MORTGAGES.					
	No.	AREA.		Value	No.	AREA.		Consideration Value.	No.	AREA.		Amount secured						
		Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.							
..	75	A. 11 1 7	R. P. 8,115 3 4	£ 86,005	s. d. 0 0	829	A. 164,988	R. P. 1 19	£ 485,873	s. d. 3 11	560	A. 103,362	R. P. 1 38	£ 267,981	s. d. 2 6			
Taranaki	18	24 0 28	0 4	17,773	0 0	278	15,028	3 23	57,948	0 9	220	52,729	3 16	122,326	1 2			
Wellington	119	36 1 17	2 32	166,382	0 0	1,147	92,868	0 15	411,808	11 5	985	152,363	2 19	767,105	0 0			
Hawke's Bay	32	23 0 30	1 9	85,561	0 0	509	211,329	1 3	251,423	1 10	524	276,658	0 10	731,599	0 4			
Nelson	22	6 3 23	1 32	8,807	14 6	266	14,386	3 24	56,644	6 0	260	10,371	1 2	70,637	1 0			
Marlborough	4	33 3 28	4 3	7,150	0 0	67	25,107	3 11	13,810	7 5	65	10,945	3 38	34,917	6 9			
Canterbury	204	104 0 15	1 11	184,028	12 1	1,479	201,965	1 24	691,953	1 11	1,406	289,664	1 38	985,429	8 0			
Otago	47	34 2 8	3 4	24,985	0 0	925	67,490	2 12	299,892	14 1	1,587	52,412	2 19	250,370	0 0			
Southland	37	7 0 15	0 39	7,628	0 0	473	81,343	2 26	189,032	16 0	259	118,711	1 1	257,405	1 8			
Westland	10	0 2 6	1 7	2,788	0 0	84	1,390	0 38	8,936	18 6	65	31,241	0 18	24,773	8 4			
TOTAL	568	282 0 17	85,116 2 24	591,103 6 7	6,057 4 198	1 4	875,899	0 35	2,456,773	1 10	4,931	1,048,460	2 39	3,512,543	19 9			
Corresponding period 1887-88	558	245 0 25	103,142 1 14	528,822 0 0	6,221 4,868	1 27	1,116,644	2 11	2,426,372	17 5	5,057	1,077,172	1 25	3,602,937	4 9			

DISTRICT.	CROWN GRANTS.						Caveats.	Registration Ab-stracts.	Powers of Attorney.	Revocation Order.	Searches.	Searches General.	Caveats against Dealing.	Plans deposited.	Trust Deeds, &c.	Leases.	Incumbrances.	Certificates issued.	Transmissions.
	Number.	AREA.		Value.															
		Town and Suburban.	Country.																
..	34	A. ..	R. P. 14,467 1 13	£ 28,932	s. d. 0 0	3	2	71	1	1,233	42	29	101	14	118	..	1,013	..	
Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	122	6	7	13	..	183	..	173	44
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	..	988	23	47	35	..	247	..	1,041	..
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	783	58	49	10	..	113	..	546	..
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	99	4	4	3	..	21	..	246	..
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	59	4	2	6	..	3	..	56	..
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99	..	2,121	225	72	20	..	312	..	1,094	..
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	868	37	41	42	..	278	..	625	..
Otago	10	4 0 4	34 0 9	150	0 0	..	..	10	..	396	37	11	3	..	84	..	344	..
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	2	1	16	..	24	..	51	..
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	44	4 0 4	14,501 1 22	29,082 0 0	8	2	843	1	343	6,683	438	260	289	43	1,383	5	5,189	99	
Corresponding period 1887-88	104	2,231 3 16	69,469 3 23	85,604 0 0	18	3	316	..	..	6,762	458	288	396	57	1,015	12	6,316	37

B.—RETURN OF FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1889.

District.	General Fees.	Land Assurance.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	2,025 10 0	482 13 5	2,508 3 5
Taranaki	672 13 7	63 0 9	735 14 4
Wellington	2,913 0 1	383 13 5	3,296 13 6
Hawke's Bay	1,611 1 0	370 19 5	1,982 0 5
Nelson	637 0 0	64 2 7	701 2 7
Marlborough	179 3 5	19 17 5	199 0 10
Canterbury	4,564 6 6	711 12 2	5,275 18 8
Otago	2,069 3 6	146 0 0	2,215 3 6
Southland	1,001 2 8	68 7 9	1,069 10 5
Westland	195 14 0	10 8 3	206 2 3
Totals	15,868 14 9*	2,320 15 2	18,189 9 11
Corresponding period 1887-88	16,670 19 8†	2,053 5 6	18,724 5 2

Crown-grant district-agency fees included: * £416 13s. 8d.; † £1,047 12s. 11d.

C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGES under the LAND TRANSFER ACTS on the 31st March, 1889.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1888.	Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1889.	Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1889.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	3,313,446 0 0	267,981 2 6	238,741 0 0	3,342,686 2 6
Taranaki	495,999 18 9	122,326 1 2	71,833 0 3	546,492 19 8
Wellington	3,079,780 0 0	767,105 0 0	344,050 0 0	3,502,835 0 0
Hawke's Bay	2,933,925 0 0	731,599 10 4	306,136 0 0	3,359,388 10 4
Nelson	533,994 18 10	70,637 1 0	63,332 19 5	541,299 0 5
Marlborough	279,873 2 10	34,917 6 9	65,981 17 10	248,808 11 9
Canterbury	9,409,245 0 0	985,429 8 0	816,090 0 0	9,578,584 8 0
Otago	4,218,557 0 0	250,370 0 0	352,101 0 0	4,116,826 0 0
Southland	3,792,606 3 3	257,405 1 8	380,648 0 0	3,669,363 4 11
Westland	54,184 2 9	24,773 8 4	11,206 10 3	67,751 0 10
Totals	28,111,611 6 5	3,512,543 19 9	2,650,120 7 9	28,974,034 18 5
Corresponding period } 1887-88	...	3,603,857 9 2	2,853,826 15 0	...

D.—RETURN showing WORK in ARREAR in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1889.

District.	Applications awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Applications detained for Examination in the Survey Office.	Applications (other than those already mentioned) received during the Month not yet passed.	Unregistered Instruments awaiting Compliance with Requisitions.	Unregistered Instruments detained in the Survey Office.	Certificates of Title due but not issued.
Auckland	18	17	...	26	4	16
Taranaki	18	...	...	...	...	...
Wellington	36	2	...	25	2	...
Hawke's Bay	39	4	...	...	...	6
Nelson	6	...	...	...	...	...
Marlborough	1	...	...	2	...	...
Canterbury	20	1	3	36	...	12
Otago	28	...	1	11	1	3
Southland	2	...	...	...	...	...
Westland ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	168	24	4	100	7	37

NOTE.—Other instruments unrecorded—Westland: Certificates in lieu of Crown grants, 24. Canterbury: Discharges of mortgages, 4; transfers, 6; mortgages, 6; transmissions, 2.

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1888, the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION and the NUMBER REGISTERED during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1889; also the NUMBER remaining UNREGISTERED on that Date, and the AMOUNT of FEES collected for the same Period.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1888.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1889.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on the 31st March, 1889.	Fees.
Auckland	106	3,798	3,747	157	£ 3,870 4 8
Taranaki	5	417	417	5	427 3 3
Wellington	118	1,915	2,018	15	2,101 13 9
Hawke's Bay	146	942	917	171	1,110 8 11
Nelson	26	552	558	20	541 7 6
Marlborough ... ..	...	343	339	4	374 19 6
Canterbury	64	1,595	1,629	30	1,754 7 6
Otago	35	1,179	1,160	54	1,265 9 6
Southland	7	203	210	...	202 17 0
Westland	22	75	97	...	79 13 6
Totals	529	11,019	11,092	456	*11,728 5 1

* Includes Crown-grant fees	£ 339 5 1
Includes district-agency fees	14 0 0
	<u>£353 5 1</u>

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