

1900.
NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

(ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1899-1900.)

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

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

SIR,—

Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 15th May, 1900.

I have the honour to submit the following returns showing the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended 31st March, 1900:—

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, 1900.

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.,

C. A. HICKSON,
Secretary for Stamps.

The Commissioner of Stamps, Wellington.

B.—RETURN of FEES received under the LAND TRANSFER ACT for the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1900.

District.	General Fees.		Assurance Fees.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	3,665	5 7	221	19 8	3,887	5 3
Taranaki	2,167	1 7	53	1 7	2,220	3 2
Wellington	6,360	6 1	404	9 11	6,764	16 0
Hawke's Bay	1,136	6 8	56	14 8	1,193	1 4
Poverty Bay	839	9 8	28	18 0	868	7 8
Nelson	602	0 6	32	12 1	634	12 7
Marlborough	248	11 0	38	2 0	286	13 0
Canterbury	5,848	10 11	464	17 3	6,313	8 2
Otago	2,364	2 5	170	13 1	2,534	15 6
Southland	1,729	9 6	11	18 6	1,741	8 0
Westland	242	11 0	2	2 6	244	13 6
Totals	*25,203	14 11	1,485	9 3	26,689	4 2
Corresponding period, 1898-99...	†23,625	8 5	1,248	12 9	24,874	1 2

NOTE.—Includes Crown grants and district agency fees: * £222 4s.; † £364 1s. 10d.

C.—RETURN showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of MONEY remaining secured by MORTGAGE under the LAND TRANSFER ACT on the 31st March, 1900.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1899.		Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1900.		Amount of Mortgages paid off during the same Period.		Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on 31st March, 1900.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	3,260,687	11 2	482,663	5 2	604,223	4 2	3,139,127	12 2
Taranaki	1,922,559	5 8	593,352	1 11	310,213	6 2	2,205,698	1 5
Wellington	7,655,762	12 6	2,693,584	0 0	998,703	0 0	9,350,643	12 6
Hawke's Bay	4,336,365	9 2	501,585	17 9	544,152	0 0	4,293,799	6 11
Poverty Bay	234,914	15 8	221,103	8 8	40,056	0 0	415,962	4 4
Nelson	969,896	7 7	110,696	10 2	73,304	17 5	1,007,288	0 4
Marlborough	249,149	11 7	58,380	18 10	39,334	4 6	268,196	5 11
Canterbury	7,947,642	8 0	1,511,084	0 0	1,431,949	0 0	8,026,777	8 0
Otago	2,943,478	0 0	401,226	0 0	351,866	0 0	2,992,838	0 0
Southland	3,429,761	2 10	340,000	2 11	261,849	2 1	3,507,912	3 8
Westland	85,119	19 10	18,631	1 11	8,266	0 0	95,485	1 9
Totals	33,035,337	4 0	6,932,307	7 4	4,663,916	14 4	35,303,727	17 0
Corresponding period, 1898-99	32,152,388	0 7	5,126,707	5 7	4,087,240	5 0	33,035,337	4 0

D.—RETURN showing ARREARS in the LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT on the 31st March, 1900.

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	42	21	7	3	5	15	...
Taranaki ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wellington	39	3	...	84	8	137	...
Hawke's Bay	9	...	...	...	...	4	...
Poverty Bay	6	...	...	7	...	1	...
Nelson	5	...	1	1	1	1	...
Marlborough ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Canterbury	26	2	...	40	1	119	...
Otago	15	...	4	11	4	17	1
Southland	1	...	1	...	...	2	...
Westland ... ..	...	...	...	...	61	...	...
Totals	143	26	14	146	80	296	1

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Wellington	198	170	66
Canterbury	92	24	27
Otago	12	7	..

E.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of DEEDS remaining UNREGISTERED on the 31st March, 1899; the NUMBER received for REGISTRATION, and the NUMBER REGISTERED, during the Twelve Months ended the 31st March, 1900; also the NUMBER REMAINING on that date; and the AMOUNT of FEES collected during the same Period.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1899.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1900.	Registered during the same Period.	Unregistered on 31st March, 1900.	Fees.
					£ s. d.
Auckland	306	4,088	4,242	133	4,008 1 3
Taranaki	32	645	656	21	567 4 9
Wellington	10	2,139	2,116	24	2,198 16 8
Hawke's Bay	115	724	752	85	879 19 6
Poverty Bay	6	132	138	...	148 5 3
Nelson	17	643	653	7	554 17 6
Marlborough	10	449	456	3	484 8 6
Canterbury	28	1,392	1,397	19	1,433 9 0
Otago	50	1,540	1,539	51	1,546 1 6
Southland	36	372	349	59	392 8 0
Westland	2	47	49	...	39 14 0
Totals	612	12,171	12,347	402	£12,253 5 11*

	£	s.	d.
* Includes Crown grant fees	176	17	11
Includes district agency fees	20	0	0

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