RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Mortgages registered from the 31st March, 1902, to 31st March, 1903, and the different Rates of Interest at which such Money was advanced.

District.	Number of Mortgages.	Amount of Mortgages.	Free.	Rates of Interest per Cent.															
				1	2	2½	3	3¼	3½	4	4⅛	4½	4¾	5	5 1/16	5⅛	5¼	5⅜	5½	5¾
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland ..	2,380	914,871	197	..	..	39	800	..	600	10,055	..	105,420	15,550	490,666	560	..	335	400	17,272	..
Poverty Bay ..	295	282,219	900	..	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	26,450	..	79,376	..	..	..	..	34,101	..
Hawke's Bay ..	729	720,333	..	500	..	..	..	400	..	10,900	..	267,940	24,250	140,242	..	..	40,000	..	21,915	..
Taranaki ..	1,692	1,140,155	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,987	3,000	159,486	4,400	177,844	..	..	..	1,950	76,661	750
Wellington ..	3,960	2,433,034	175	..	..	..	400	..	..	8,855	..	562,535	45,300	650,472	..	..	20,350	..	282,661	400
Nelson ..	537	162,893	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,300	..	3,730	6,800	97,510	..	..	900	..	5,230	300
Marlborough ..	191	103,788	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,550	..	11,950	..	26,093	..	..	2,400	..	5,870	..
Canterbury ..	3,047	1,808,485	..	..	500	..	5,350	..	26	9,978	..	564,770	19,195	648,104	..	1,600	800	..	85,947	..
Otago ..	1,397	570,991	..	..	2,300	..	888	..	..	4,270	..	95,805	11,710	254,014	..	..	480	..	13,077	..
Southland ..	962	517,373	..	..	..	..	442	..	350	5,111	..	83,635	14,900	217,936	..	..	..	..	11,365	15,000
Westland ..	143	38,076	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	4,317	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	15,333	8,692,218	1,347	500	2,800	39	7,925	400	976	58,056	3,000	1,881,721	142,105	2,786,574	560	1,600	65,265	2,350	554,099	16,450

District.	Rates of Interest per Cent.																			
	6	6¼	6½	6¾	7	7½	8	8⅛	8½	8¾	9	9½	10	11	12	12½	15	16	20	25	Unspecified
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland ..	78,109	..	2,273	..	19,041	654	8,844	..	..	800	1,217	..	4,228	500	..	..	60	..	177	..	157,074
Poverty Bay ..	45,024	..	1,381	..	5,450	265	2,159	..	..	..	195	..	800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86,073
Hawke's Bay ..	40,353	..	12,067	..	10,992	265	5,488	..	..	..	145	..	3,012	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	141,864
Taranaki ..	156,831	..	34,216	..	64,280	4,630	68,836	60	1,600	..	9,946	..	34,748	..	..	150	..	..	..	..	335,705
Wellington ..	201,486	500	23,801	..	78,922	5,075	38,881	..	..	90	1,110	1,500	8,126	..	100	22	145	..	200	..	501,928
Nelson ..	18,805	..	1,775	..	11,331	800	3,117	..	..	..	550	..	753	..	..	..	459	..	..	..	9,533
Marlborough ..	7,585	..	2,475	..	5,368	280	3,087	..	..	..	400	..	..	..	150	..	..	..	..	..	35,580
Canterbury ..	174,369	..	18,320	..	42,571	3,537	13,492	..	730	..	595	..	8,985	..	..	..	1,296	80	696	..	207,544
Otago ..	49,679	..	4,072	..	34,429	2,411	11,230	..	700	..	1,549	..	4,601	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	79,755
Southland ..	26,221	..	20,485	6,000	16,999	755	22,743	..	1,150	..	40	..	353	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	73,868
Westland ..	4,717	..	..	..	10,165	..	3,855	..	..	..	1,670	..	237	..	..	..	..	..	1,250	1,000	10,815
Totals ..	803,179	500	120,865	6,000	299,548	18,672	181,732	60	4,180	890	17,417	1,500	65,843	500	250	172	2,001	80	2,323	1,000	1,639,739

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