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NEW ZEALAND.

LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, 1915-16.

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

The SECRETARY FOR LAND AND DEEDS to the MINISTER OF STAMPS.

SIR.— Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 1st July, 1916.

I have the honour to submit the usual report on the working of the Land Transfer and Deeds Registration Departments for the year ended the 31st March, 1916.

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, 1916.

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 Office.

I have, &c.,

P. C. CORLISS,

The Minister of Stamp Duties, Wellington.

Secretary for Land and Deeds.

A.—STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT DURING THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1916.

District.	Applications.				Certificates in Lieu of Crown Grant.				Transfers.				Mortgages.				
	Number.	Area.		Value.	Number.	Area.		Value.	Number.	Area.		Number.	Area.		Number.		
		Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.			Town and Suburban.	Country.		Town and Suburban.	Country.			
Auckland ..	95	Acres. 85	Acres. 17,239	£ 72,845	1,052	Acres. 588	Acres. 187,706	£ 492,324	4,140	Acres. 651,709	Acres. 4,705,372	£ 2,367	Acres. 1,693	Acres. 530,474	£ 2,467	Acres. 914,081	£ 3,190,141
Taranaki ..	16	13	597	11,204	106	4	23,346	19,571	905	300	1,244,193	274	274	154,493	783	323,410	1,300,560
Wellington ..	33	18	6,103	27,137	263	111	81,248	106,351	4,019	533,116	3,906,164	547	1,002	548,480	765	1,388,795	4,015,142
Hawke's Bay ..	7	2	3,650	125,674	66	4	10,581	1,191	1,191	171,038	2,406,442	282	510	165,165	281	316,510	1,511,387
Poverty Bay ..	2	4	255	..	66	4	31,886	437	437	121	190,721	151	200	83,557	196	225,594	621,196
Nelson ..	10	4	1,000	21,997	43	..	5,902	311	311	97	28,149	175	117	35,358	182	102,005	234,550
Marlborough ..	4	1	250	43,210	17	7	2,494	203	203	115	9,321	49	81	25,294	47	150,635	353,894
Canterbury ..	87	24	13,991	172,887	76	7	3,870	3,452	3,452	624	389,033	521	454	255,388	637	650,431	3,079,317
Otago ..	20	3	3,235	70,029	63	99	4,655	1,457	1,457	498	271,762	361	328	166,770	320	277,156	807,762
Southland ..	8	35	10,946	5,177	135	92	18,973	866	866	298	110,656	329	195	118,166	393	235,434	858,517
Westland ..	..	..	..	..	19	..	3,895	101	101	29	7,585	40	18	12,818	44	23,963	60,343
Totals, 1915-16 ..	282	185	158,332	1,057,220	1,891	946	374,556	17,082	17,082	7,073	3,346,792	5,312	4,872	2,395,963	6,115	4,608,014	16,032,809
Totals, 1914-15 ..	478	159	..	1,247,905	1,996	6,945	338,432	21,381	21,381	6,206	2,129,973	21,795	5,393	..	..	4,036,464	16,378,727

District.	Number.	Discharges.		Number of Applications entered against Applications.	Number of Caveats against Caveats.	Number of Deals against Deals.	Certificates of Title issued (other than Certificates in Lieu of Crown Grants).	Number of Charging Orders registered.	Number of Ejectments registered.	Number of Ejectments registered.	Number of Orders of the Court registered.	Number of Orders in Council registered.	Number of Rows of Attorney and Ejectment 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 Marriage, &c.).	Number of Trusts and other Instruments deposited.	Number of Wages Protection and Contractors Liens.	Miscellaneous.	
		Total Amount discharged.	Number.																			
Auckland ..	3,015	1,732,839	441	7	441	2,821	26	..	..	298	17	..	211	164	5,152	639	144	841	..	..	3	2,942
Taranaki ..	1,256	850,076	52	1	52	393	9	..	..	19	..	..	62	27	1,865	223	119	191	..	..	1	563
Wellington ..	3,574	3,007,128	224	2	224	1,608	12	..	..	108	11	..	164	41	4,288	62	279	347	..	9	3	3,393
Hawke's Bay ..	763	766,955	62	..	62	737	5	..	..	163	22	..	72	19	1,597	14	118	816	..	..	2	750
Poverty Bay ..	583	508,903	44	..	44	312	..	..	..	24	4	..	32	13	1,031	6	56	57	..	..	..	495
Nelson ..	341	155,988	26	..	26	209	..	..	..	..	9	..	14	21	351	7	35	104	..	..	..	89
Marlborough ..	138	77,548	9	..	9	107	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	7	327	1	24	34	..	..	..	2
Canterbury ..	2,535	2,204,100	188	..	188	1,453	3	..	..	1	8	..	110	26	4,273	98	409	598	..	..	..	3,015
Otago ..	1,327	632,533	46	..	46	573	1	..	..	5	2	..	49	22	1,621	35	108	451	..	..	..	926
Southland ..	898	514,426	53	..	53	386	2	..	..	..	2	..	25	14	1,274	15	53	199	..	..	..	708
Westland ..	104	42,059	4	..	4	35	1	..	..	3	..	..	4	3	91	11	14	31	..	..	..	256
Totals, 1915-16 ..	14,534	10,489,555	1,149	10	1,149	8,634	59	12	1,636	625	81	..	752	357	21,870	1,111	1,359	3,669	61	12	..	13,139
Totals, 1914-15 ..	..	9,318,568	1,309	38	1,309	9,078	..	79	..	..	..	..	663	357	24,988	1,434	..	..	222	..	..	22,565

B.—RETURN OF FEES RECEIVED UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916.

District.	General Fees.			Assurance Fees.			District Agency Fees.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ...	13,327	4	6	851	17	9	1	1	0
Taranaki ...	3,294	6	3	37	9	0	1	4	0
Wellington ...	9,683	7	10	249	0	4	8	11	0
Hawke's Bay ...	3,295	0	5	222	1	11	...	...	...
Poverty Bay ...	1,616	17	1	9	17	3	...	...	...
Nelson ...	1,171	5	0	47	19	11	...	...	...
Marlborough ...	586	5	0	90	10	10	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	8,109	8	0	607	17	2	...	...	...
Otago ...	3,389	12	2	179	1	3	...	...	...
Southland ...	2,424	6	0	14	2	11	...	...	...
Westland ...	443	10	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	47,341	2	7	2,309	18	4	10	16	0
Corresponding period, 1914-15 ...	48,780	0	0	2,876	0	0	13	0	0

C.—RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REMAINING SECURED BY MORTGAGE UNDER THE LAND TRANSFER ACT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1916.

District.	Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on the 31st March, 1915.			Amount secured by Mortgage during the Year ended 31st March, 1916.			Amount of Mortgage paid off during the same Period.			Amount remaining secured by Mortgage on the 31st March, 1916.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland...	18,188,239	0	0	3,190,141	0	0	1,732,839	0	0	19,645,541	0	0
Taranaki...	9,071,855	0	0	1,300,560	0	0	850,076	0	0	9,522,339	0	0
Wellington	29,386,131	0	0	4,015,142	0	0	3,007,128	0	0	30,394,145	0	0
Hawke's Bay	11,470,075	0	0	1,511,387	0	0	766,955	0	0	12,214,507	0	0
Poverty Bay	3,682,285	0	0	621,196	0	0	505,903	0	0	3,797,578	0	0
Nelson ...	2,052,367	0	0	234,550	0	0	155,988	0	0	2,130,929	0	0
Marlborough	1,772,563	0	0	353,894	0	0	77,548	0	0	2,048,909	0	0
Canterbury	22,465,812	0	0	3,079,317	0	0	2,204,100	0	0	23,341,029	0	0
Otago ...	6,701,588	0	0	807,762	0	0	632,533	0	0	6,876,817	0	0
Southland	7,559,027	0	0	858,517	0	0	514,426	0	0	7,903,118	0	0
Westland	402,239	0	0	60,343	0	0	42,059	0	0	420,523	0	0
Totals ...	112,752,181	0	0	16,032,809	0	0	10,489,555	0	0	118,295,435	0	0
Corresponding period, 1914-15	105,692,021	0	0	16,378,728	0	0	9,318,568	0	0	112,752,181	0	0

D.—RETURN SHOWING ARREARS IN THE LAND TRANSFER DEPARTMENT ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1916.

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 ...	161	83	8	91	85	395	33
Taranaki ...	7	1	...	10	...	...	...
Wellington ...	15	18	4	213	276	294	...
Hawke's Bay ...	4	...	1	...	...	63	...
Poverty Bay ...	4	...	...	2	...	47	...
Nelson ...	3	...	2	6	21	25	3
Marlborough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	20	5	2	94	49	120	1
Otago ...	4	...	...	22	...	11	...
Southland ...	...	1	...	1	...	7	...
Westland ...	...	...	...	25	...	18	...
Totals ...	218	108	17	464	431	980	37

Other Instruments unrecorded.

	Transfers.	Mortgages.	Miscellaneous.
Auckland ...	151	137	196
Taranaki ...	...	...	...
Wellington ...	415	332	543
Poverty Bay ...	47	41	64
Nelson ...	1	2	2
Marlborough ...	...	...	...
Canterbury ...	51	38	71
Otago ...	6	3	2
Southland ...	8	1	5
Totals ...	679	554	883

E.—RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEEDS REMAINING UNREGISTERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1915; THE NUMBER RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION AND THE NUMBER REGISTERED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1916; ALSO THE NUMBER REMAINING ON THAT DATE, AND THE AMOUNT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

District.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1915.	Received for Registration during the Year ended 31st March, 1916.	Registered during the same Period.	Unrecorded on 31st March, 1916.	Fees.
Auckland ...	170	6,721	6,169	722	£ 6,464
Taranaki ...	5	677	672	10	633
Wellington ...	175	1,998	1,982	191	1,972
Hawke's Bay ...	190	1,322	1,421	91	1,491
Poverty Bay ...	2	72	57	17	73
Nelson ...	20	878	861	37	781
Marlborough ...	42	383	388	37	414
Canterbury ...	51	1,246	1,276	21	1,170
Otago ...	53	1,991	1,992	52	1,946
Southland ...	8	479	487	...	450
Westland	43	43	...	35
Totals ...	716	15,810	15,348	1,178	15,429

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