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LAND TRANSFER AND DEEDS REGISTRATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT, 1922-23.

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

The Secretary for Land and Deeds to the Minister of Stamp Duties.

Sir, - Head Office, Stamp Duties Department, Wellington, 1st June, 1923.

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, 1923.

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, 1922.
- 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.

I have, &c.,

D. G. CLARK,

Secretary for Land and Deeds.

The Minister of Stamp Duties, Wellington.