

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT N.Z.

A Statistical Record

Cost of erection and equipment of main coastal lighthouses was about L6000 per light.
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First ascent of Mt Cook successfully completed by Messrs Fyfe, Graham and Clarke in 1894.
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There are 51 lighthouses on the NZ coast. Twenty-four are « watched » lights, and the remainder are automatic.
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On railway construction, a rail, 85lb per lineal yard, has been recently adopted for the permanent way.
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About one-half of the total mileage of railways in NZ is constructed on grades steeper than one in 200, while 26% of the total mileage is curved track.
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There are four cable-tramway systems in the Dominion—one in Wellington and three in Dunedin. Their length totals 4 miles 33 chains.
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During 1941-42, 55 inquiries were held into shipping casualties, vessels involved totalling 60. No total losses occurred during the year and no lives were lost. Tonnage damaged by stranding, collision or fire was 26,293.

Average number of persons employed by the State Railways in the 1942 period was 23,352.
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The expenditure on National Broadcasting Service programmes during 1941-42 was L111,688.
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Gross revenue from railways for the year 1942 was L11,938,338—roughly L7/6/8 per head of population.
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In 1877, one year after Graham Bell had patented his invention, the first telephone was used in NZ.
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First motion picture was shown in NZ in 1897. Film portrayed Queen Victoria's jubilee celebrations.
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In 1942, 22.71 per hundred of population owned a radio receiving set. Wellington province has the highest number with 131,386 licences.
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Of 37 persons meeting with fatal accidents on the railways in 1941-42, six were passengers and 11 were employees. Of the remainder, who were neither passengers nor employees, 14 were killed at crossings and six in accidents on the line.

QUIZ ANSWERS

(1) From French, *couvre-feu*, « put out the fire. » (2) Rear-Admiral and Air Vice-Marshal. (3) Missouri - Mississippi (4502 miles), Nile (4000), Amazon (4000). (4) M.I. Kalinin. (5) One born within the sound of Bow Bells, the chimes of a London church. (6) Sir Harry Lauder. (7) Abraham Lincoln. (8) S. African antelope, little larger than a rabbit. (9) 1907. (10) Czechoslovakia, including Prague. (11) Government from a centre as opposed to Federalism. (12) Mr Henry Stimson. (13) Mr C.W. Boswell. (14) Igor Sikorsky, at Kiev, 1908. (15) Yes, to help CO to single out drunks. (16) Six

months to four years. One can lose 100 hairs daily and not go bald. (17) Yes, moving lower eyelids upwards, the opposite of human beings. (18) Richard John Seddon, 13 yrs 1½ mths. (19) Mendelssohn. (20) Nearly 50%. (21) Bradman, 452 n.o. — NSW v Queensland, 1929-1930. (22) Late Miss D. Lumley, 11sec. (23) Mr James Baxter. (24) Australia. (25) Dave Gallaher. (26) W. Webb. (27) R.L. Riggs. (28) Moifaa. (29) Bob Fitzsimmons (heavy), Billy Murphy (feather), Ted Morgan (amateur welter). (30) A. Fagg, Hastings, England—101 in 18 minutes, off four overs and one no ball.