

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT N.Z.

A Statistical Record

Some 62 people pay tax on incomes of more than L10,000.
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Commercial Broadcasting Stations return an annual net profit of L62,983, or nearly 27%.
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Publicans' Licences are distributed on the ratio of one to 1500 people.
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Official investments on racing average over L4/10/- per head of population annually.
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Two-thirds of the population have investments in the P.O.S.B., the average amount being nearly L70.
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Out of the total of 415,300 in the age group 5-20 years, 300,950 were being educated in schools or universities at an annual cost of L3/3/10 per head of population.
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The longest thoroughfare track for trams goes to Auckland with 44 miles. Christchurch is second with 43 miles. Next in order follows Wellington, Dunedin, Wanganui, Invercargill and New Plymouth.
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According to records for the purpose of Land Tax, eight people in rural areas each control 50,000 acres or more of land and six control more than 40,000 acres each, while 148 each control areas varying between 10,000 and 40,000 acres.

Nearly 88% of the homes in NZ possess radio receiving sets.
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A Publican's Annual Fee is L40 for boroughs and L25 outside these limits.
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There are at least 24 religions officially designated as such by the Government Statistician.
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It was not until 1924 that toll gates for the purposes of revenue were abolished on highways.
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One person in 15 belongs to a Friendly Society and the average capital investment per member is nearly L60.
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There are over 15,000 people with no specified religious beliefs, while a further 71,000 refuse to state their adherence to any particular sect.
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In 1941, one person in 12 received some degree of treatment in the public hospital, the greatest number being in the age group 15 to 25 years. Military gradings, etc, have contributed to this high figure.
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The annual divorce rate averages almost one petition filed for every 12 marriages. USA is one in six. These figures were obtained by comparing the total number of marriages per year with the total petitions over the same period.

QUIZ ANSWERS

(1) 1928; (2) Benjamin Disraeli; (3) William Pitt; (4) Wagner; (5) Faetana Donizetti; (6) Yes—93680 (1942), 82326 (1936); (7) Rejection of Religious and Moral principles, particularly by Russian revolutionaries; (8) Old S. African-Dutch nickname for British soldier; Roinek is Afrikaans for red neck; (9) Yes—since Aug, 1940; (10) Award for bravery in Maori Wars; (11) April, 1940; (12) Bing Crosby (L200,000 per year); (13) General MacArthur; (14) Russian for

« destruction » applied to Anti-Jewish outrages; (15) 1829 (at Paris); (16) Italy (3591 miles); (17) 1865; (18) 1933; (19) New American jet propulsion plane; (20) General Henry Arnold; (21) Thursday; (22) Fritz von Opel (Germany); (23) Yes, if no light falls on sleeper; (24) Holland (1870); (25) The late Roy Reed; (26) No; (27) 1907 All Golds; (28) Yes—Christchurch (1911), Auckland (1920); (29) Miss Gwitha Shand; (30) Full-back, G.H. Brand.