



# Information Service

**Q:** Could you please supply details of Beaulivre's record and stake winnings?

**A:** Altogether he started 49 times for 21 wins, eight seconds and eight thirds, and won L17,045. In his first 31 starts he was never out of a place and chalked up 20 wins to his credit.

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**Q:** How many world's pacing records are held by NZ horses?

**A:** Six. Details are:—

1 mile saddle—	
Gold Bar	2min 33-5sec
1¼ miles—	
Gold Bar	2min 35 sec
1½ miles—	
Van Derby	3min 9 3-5sec



1 mile 5 fur.—	
Gold Bar	3min 27 sec
2 miles—	
Harold Logan	4min 12 2-5sec
2 miles (race-winning record)—	
Haughty	4min 13 3-5sec

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**Q:** How many different railway gauges are there in operation in Australia?

**A:** Three. N.S.W., 4ft 8½in; Queensland and W.A., 3ft 6in; Federal trans-continental, Kalgoorlie (W.A.) - Port Augusta (S.A.), 4ft 8½in; Victoria and South Australia, 5ft 3in.

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**Q:** How many presidents of the USA have been assassinated?

**A:** Three — Abraham Lincoln, James Abram Garfield, William McKinley.

**Q:** How many miles of inland waterways are there in use in Great Britain? What are the largest?

**A:** There are 2500 miles. The largest canals are the Grand Union (Uxbridge—Birmingham), 280 miles; Leeds to Liverpool, 193 miles; and Birmingham Canal, 159 miles. The Manchester Ship Canal is only 36 miles in length, although the largest overseas liners use the canal.

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**Q:** What is the amount of the annuity granted to King George VI?

**A:** L410,000, comprising the Privy Purse, L110,000, salaries of household and retired allowances, L134,000, expenses of Royal household, L152,800 and Royal Bounty, L13,000. It must be remembered that for the duration of the war the King, at his own request, has waived right to a substantial portion of this sum.

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**Q:** Where and when was the first electric underground railway operated? What do you know about the «Dead Man's Handle»?

**A:** The City and South London Railway, the first section of which came into operation on December 18, 1890. On steam trains there must be at least two men on the engine, but only one is required on the electric. Should the driver take ill the «Dead Man's Handle» is employed. In the centre is a central portion which, while the driver has his hand upon it, is pressed down. Should he release his hold the central portion is released, cutting off the current and applying the brakes. This also stops traffic in this particular section of the underground railway.