

The Mining Amendment Act, 1914.—Mining Privileges to be struck off the Registers.

Warden's Court, Thames, 19th January, 1923.

IN pursuance of the provisions of section 30 (3) of the Mining Amendment Act, 1914, notice is hereby given that, unless cause to the contrary is shown within three months from the date hereof, each of the privileges mentioned in the Schedule hereto will be struck off the Registers.

H. R. BUSH, Mining Registrar.

SCHEDULE.

No.	Date.	Nature of Privilege.	Locality.	Registered Holder.
5029	9/12/1912	Mineral license ..	Hawke's Bay	Norman L. Gunn.
6415	30/7/1915	Residence-site ..	Tararua	A. E. Marwick.
6443	15/10/1915	" ..	Block II, Tairua S.D. ..	M. Vieira, jun.
6618	7/12/1916	" ..	Tararua Creek	Malcolm Miller.
<i>Coromandel Register.</i>				
598	12/10/1911	Residence-site ..	Upper Township ..	William Telford.

*Population of the Dominion.**

RETURN of the Population of the Dominion of New Zealand and Mandated Territory on 31st December, 1922.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Population (exclusive of Maoris) of New Zealand proper on 31st December, 1921 ..	633,040	606,926	1,239,966
Increase during 1922—			
Excess of births over deaths	8,774	9,266	
Excess of arrivals over departures†	3,808	3,749	
Total net increase during 1922	12,582	13,015	25,597
Population (exclusive of Maoris) of New Zealand proper on 31st December, 1922 ..	645,622	619,941	1,265,563
Estimated Maori population on 31st December, 1922	28,260	25,260	53,520
Estimated population of Cook Islands and Niue on 31st December, 1922	6,740	6,560	13,300
Estimated population of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa on 31st December, 1922	20,385	18,010	38,395
Total population of the Dominion of New Zealand and Mandated Territory on 31st December, 1922	701,007	669,771	1,370,778

* Subject to revision. † Including crews.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

The numbers and rates of births and deaths for the last ten years are as under:—

Year.	Numbers.		Rate per 1,000 of the Mean Populatio..	
	Births.	Deaths.	Births.	Deaths.
1913	27,935	10,119	26.14	9.47
1914	28,338	10,148	25.99	9.31
1915	27,850	9,965	25.33	9.06
1916	28,509	10,596	25.94	9.64
1917	28,239	10,528	25.69	9.58
1918	25,860	16,364	23.44	14.84
1919	24,483	10,808	21.42	9.46
1920	29,921	12,109	25.09	10.15
1921	28,567	10,682	23.34	8.73
1922*	29,021	10,981	23.12	8.75

* Subject to revision.

The number of births registered in 1922 is the second highest ever recorded in the Dominion; but the birth-rate is extremely low, and in fact is, with one exception (1919), the lowest ever experienced.

The death-rate for the year is also extremely low, and approximates closely that of 1921, which is the lowest on record.

Census and Statistics Office,
Wellington, 5th February, 1923.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 31st January, 1923.

THE Ponsonby United Branch, No. 4, situated at Ponsonby, Auckland, is registered as a branch of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Friendly Society of New Zealand, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 31st day of January, 1923.

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 6th February, 1923.

THE Northern Star Lodge, No. 104, situated at Kaitaia, is registered as a branch of The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Zealand Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 5th day of February, 1923.

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.