

The answers that are split in two (e.g. 9/20) all had firsts in NZ law, on occasions dating from 1897 (twice), 1936, 1950, 1993 and 2016. These clues have their definition parts omitted.

Across

- 1 See 23 Down
- 4 Vehicle is sturdy with rot removed (3)
- 6 Park in Porirua for Norman McLeod, for example (5)
- 9/20 All one with alphabet soup (7,5)
- 10/29 A pain at a place outside Islamic Republic (7,5)
- 11/13 Vision taking in lazy twirl going about by way of vehicle (6,10)
- 12 See 27
- 14 Metal bar entered the other way around (5)
- 16 Room where one might read about gold and methane? (9)
- 18 Perhaps pets bird before march (5,4)
- 20 See 9
- 21 Without endless tweaks, ours lasts longer (8)
- 22 See 21 Down
- 25 Flattening soldier who's backed around Japanese fighter (7)
- 26 Somewhat happy in her accidents (7)
- 27/12 Janet's upset with Blenheim (5,8)
- 28 Explosive causes ranger's companion to drop glasses (3)
- 29 See 10

Down

- 1 Digger gets hurt abusing (9)
- 2 Sally Lunn concealing radical group (5)
- 3 Answer given to the earliest disbeliever (7)
- 4 Quantity of hay, say, put on stumps? (4)
- 5 Enterprises, for example, step into savings banks and fruits (10)
- 6 Venture during a month on the Ivory Coast (7)
- 7 With some minority leaders, climate change is most dank (9)
- 8 Transport by coach? (5)
- 13 See 11 Across
- 15 Welcoming host, mother, traps insect (5,4)
- 17 I'm with 1 across, taking routes to
- archipelago (9)
- 19 Sound profit may have "Zee"-like shape (7)
- 20 Persons who keep moving? (5,2)
- 21/22 None survive Whakatu (5,6)
- 23/1A Ocean so in the style of Spooner's (5,5)
- 24 Skip love with German (4)