

ACCIDENTS IN COAL-MINES during the Year ending 31st December, 1890.

No. and Date.	Name of Mine.	Locality.	Cause of Accident.	Above Ground.	Below Ground.	Fatal.	Non-fatal.	Name of Sufferer.	Remarks.
<i>North Island.</i>									
1. Nov. 7	Kamo ..	Whangarei	Falling down shaft	1	..	1	..	Alex. McGregor	It was supposed that he jumped into the shaft; he opened the gate at the shaft-mouth.
2. Dec. 22	Ralph's, Taupiri	Huntly ..	Incline adit-level broke down	4	..	4	..	John Tracy, Alex. Harris, John Cashy, James Smith	These men were entombed by the breaking-down of the timber in the inclined adit in course of construction.
3. Dec. 22	Ditto ..	" ..	Ditto ..	1	..	1	..	S. Hyndman	Got fatally injured trying to rescue his mates; died at Hamilton Hospital on 8th April, 1891.
<i>Middle Island.</i>									
4. May 19	Fernhill ..	Otago ..	Fall of coal ..	..	1	..	1	H. Kidd ..	Got his collar-bone broken by a fall of coal.
5. June 6	Coalpit Heath	Greymouth	" ..	..	1	..	1	P. McMahon	Got his leg broken by fall of coal.
6. Oct. 16	Nightcaps ..	Southland	Through firing a shot	1	..	1	..	D. Berrell ..	He was coming to the mine, and, being behind a heap of stripping, was not observed when the fuse was set on fire; and, coming towards the place, some of the stone from the shot struck him on the forehead. He died next day.
7. Nov. 19	Coalpit Heath	Greymouth	Fall of stone ..	..	1	..	1	R. Mahon ..	Got his chest and leg injured by fall of stone.
8. Dec. 4	Coalbrookdale	Westport ..	Fall over retaining-wall	1	..	1	..	Alex. Tait ..	Accidentally fell over retaining-wall at middle brake on the Westport Company's incline. He died same night.

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