

Arthur Dance was injured through falling from the loop while being lowered down a winze, on the 24th January, 1894, in the Komata Mine. This accident proved fatal.

It will be seen that two of the accidents were fatal. The accident to Lough, in the Moanatairi Mine, was caused by the rock giving way, without any warning, at a head of a slippery or sandy nature. No blame could be attached to any one. The accident to Dance, at the Komata Mine, was due entirely to the man himself not taking proper precautions to use the strap before descending by a loop.

GENERAL RULES.

The general rules for the regulation of mines are, on the whole, well observed by the managers in charge of mines throughout the district.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The returns of gold show for Coromandel a decrease of 2,984oz. 14dwt., for the Thames district a slight increase of 31oz. 12dwt., for Ohinemuri district an increase of 26,678oz. 1dwt., and for Piako an increase of 737oz. 6dwt. compared with the returns for 1893. The total increase for the whole district is 25,062oz. 9dwt., of an estimated value of £30,256 16s. 1d.

The area drained by the Big Pump at the Thames shows a decrease: In Comer's Kuranui, 396oz. 5dwt.; Moanatairi, 1,843oz. 10dwt.; Cambria, 531oz. 6dwt.; and Waiotahi, 154oz. 13dwt.: while an increase is shown in Hansen's Kuranui of 452oz. 18dwt.; Hazelbank, 340oz. 17dwt.; Victoria, 221oz. 18dwt.; and May Queen, 3,537oz. 13dwt., making a total increase of 2,427oz. 12dwt.

In the other portions of the district, the Fame and Fortune, Dixon's Extended, Lone-hand, Adelaide, Magnolia, and Consols show a decrease on last year's returns.

The chief prospecting works in the area drained by the Big Pump are driving a cross-cut in the Victoria Mine from the 300ft. level in the Tookey Shaft to cut several known lines of reef, and driving the cross-cut in the May Queen Mine from the No. 6 level of the Saxon Shaft to drain the mine to a further depth of 100ft. The levels in the Waiotahi Mine are also being extended to the eastward in new ground, and in the Moanatairi line the ground near the No. 9 reef, at the 150ft. level in their shaft, is being again worked after having been idle for several years past.

In the Fame and Fortune Mine the low levels are also being driven to the eastward on reefs that have not previously been explored at such a depth.

In the other portion of the district the New Alburnia Mine is being opened up with a view of working quartz of low grade, and, as the locality is famous for rich deposits, there is every prospect of occasional good returns. On the whole, the present outlook at the Thames is not so promising as it was last year. In the Ohinemuri district, which shows returns largely in advance of last year, there is every prospect of a further increase next year. The Crown, Woodstock, Waihi, Komata, Golden Cross, and Grace Darling will be large producers, and the plant erected by the Cassel Company to treat the tailings at Waihi will add to the next returns.

An increased yield may therefore be calculated on for next year in the Hauraki district.

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GEORGE WILSON,
Inspector of Mines.

NAMES of MANAGERS in Charge of Mines in Hauraki District during the Year ending the 31st March, 1894.

Name of Mine.	Locality.	Name of Manager.	Name of Mine.	Locality.	Name of Manager.
Tokatea Mine ..	Coromandel	Peter Reid.	Crawford's Special	Thames ..	Thos. H. Crawford.
Royal Oak ..	"	A. McLean.	(St. Hippo)	"	"
Kapanga Mine ..	"	W. H. Argall.	Adelaide ..	"	George W. Bull.
Ocean View ..	Matarangi	Finlay McLiver.	Lone Hand ..	"	Thomas Moyle.
Try Fluke..	Kuaotunu	John Goldsworthy.	Claremont ..	"	George Briant.
Red Mercury ..	"	Thomas Blair.	Karaka ..	"	John Smith.
Great Mercury ..	"	H. Goldsworthy.	Occidental ..	"	Alexander Bruce.
Just in Time ..	"	A. H. Richards.	Pride of Karaka ..	"	John G. Vivian.
Black Jack ..	"	A. G. S. Black.	Magnolia ..	"	Henry Rabe.
Waitaia ..	"	John Barrett.	Homeward Bound..	"	Thomas Boyle.
Kapai and Vermont	"	H. P. Hornibrook.	North Star ..	"	John F. Carter.
Sheridan's ..	Tapu	Daniel Sheridan.	Bonnie Scotland ..	Tairua ..	F. McLiver.
Norfolk ..	Tararu	James McLean.	Maratoto ..	Maratoto ..	W. H. Nicholls.
City of Dunedin ..	"	W. Hetherington.	Woodstock ..	Karangahake	John McCombie.
Seddon ..	"	John McDermott.	Crown ..	"	George N. McGruer
Hansen's Kuranui ..	Thames	Peter C. Hansen.			(John McConnell,
Comer's Kuranui ..	"	Robert Comer.			general manager).
Hazelbank ..	"	James Coutts,	Talisman..	"	Alfred Shepherd.
Moanatairi ..	"	George S. Clark.	Earl of Glasgow ..	"	Malcolm Fleming.
Alfred ..	"	Darling Conway.	Smile of Fortune ..	Owharoa ..	Robert Reid.
Orlando ..	"	Thomas Radford.	Madden's Folly ..	"	James Madden.
New Whau ..	"	W. H. Lucas.	Jubilee Mine ..	Waitekauri ..	John G. Ralph.
New Alburnia ..	"	Thos. A. Dunlop.	Golden Cross ..	Whakamochan	H. W. Moore.
Drainage Association	"	W. H. Phillips.	Komata ..	Komata ..	William Morgan.
(Big Pump)	"		Waihi ..	Waihi ..	Thomas Gilmour (H.
Victoria ..	"	Thos. A. Dunlop.			P. Barry, general
Waiotahi ..	"	James E. Smith.			manager).
Cambria ..	"	William Baker.	Silverton ..	"	E. M. Corbett.
Fame and Fortune..	"	Henry Willetts.	Te Aroha ..	Waiorongomai	H. H. Adams.
New Fearnought ..	"	John P. Williams.	Newsham's ..	"	W. Newsham.
May Queen ..	"	W. Henry Burch.	Loyalty ..	"	Thomas Gavin.