

No. 7.—RETURN of ACCIDENTS which proved fatal in connection with Machinery during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Name and Address of Owner.	Description of Machinery.	Name and Age of Person injured.	Nature of Accident, and Date.	Cause of Accident, and Remarks.
Drainage Board, Christchurch	Pumping sewage ..	David Hood; aged 65	Rib broken, lung pierced; 19th Sept., 1898	Foot slipped when oiling air-pump; fell over discharge-pipe; flange of pipe broke a rib, end of which pierced left lung. The floor and pipe were greasy, and, as the machinery in motion was high up, there was no chance of his falling on to that.
Joseph King, Pohui	Steam sawmill ..	Walter King; aged 16	Caught by belt, and dragged across pulley; 13th Oct., 1898	Going too near belt after removing it from fly-wheel, and while the belt was still in motion, was caught in it and wound round the shaft. The boy had to be taken to the Napier Hospital (a distance of twenty-six miles), where he died. He should have stopped the machinery before tampering with the belt.
Consolidated Gold-fields (Limited), Reefton	Winding ..	John Mason ..	Struck by cage while working at bottom of shaft; 14th Feb., 1899	Failure of brake on winding-engine to act through oil getting on same from bearing alongside. This bearing had been running hot, and an excess of oil had been used to cool it down, and some of it had found its way on to brake-pulley, which spoiled its efficiency.
Bruce Wool-manufacturing Company, Milton	Wool-squeezer ..	Walter Hislop; aged 44	Ribs crushed in to heart, and feet cut off; 2nd March, 1899	Although warned never to interfere with belts, deceased caught hold of belt, which had commenced to lap round shaft double, to free it, and was pulled round the shaft. There was a fast-and-loose pulley on intermediate shafting for the purpose of stopping the gear if anything went wrong in this branch of the work, and in interfering with the belt while the machinery was in motion he was going against his instructions.
T. Westwood and Co., Foxton	Flaxmill ..	Fred. Walker; aged 24	11th March, 1899	Through deceased trying to replace a belt while machinery was in motion.
Davy Brothers, Taupiri	Sawmill ..	George J. Worthington; aged 44	Body severely crushed; 31st Jan., 1899	The deceased was sharpening tools at the grindstone in the dinner-hour. An unusual noise was heard in the mill. Another employé, on going in,

found deceased entangled in the grindstone-belt. He was severely crushed, and died in a few minutes from the effects of the injuries. A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest. At the inspection of the boiler in December, 1898, a written notice was given to the owners to protect the parts considered dangerous, but this did not include the grindstone-belt, which was not considered dangerous, being one of the simplest and slowest in speed. With the very slightest care the accident should not have happened.

No. 8.—RETURN of TRACTION- and LOCOMOTIVE-ENGINE DRIVERS to whom CERTIFICATES of SERVICE have been GRANTED from 1st April, 1898, to 31st March, 1899.

No. and Name of Person.	Date of Issue.	No. and Name of Person.	Date of Issue.
	1898.		1898.
472. Robert Troughear	April 26	488. Peter Smith	Nov. 8
473. Alexander Leith	" 26	489. Charles Barnes	" 8
474. William Bradshaw	" 26	490. James Robson	" 8
475. Angus Fraser	" 26	491. George Edward Webby	" 8
476. George McDonald	" 26	492. Edward Durston	" 8
477. Thomas Shaw	" 26	493. Walter Cooper Smith	" 8
478. Thomas Fairburn	" 26	494. Cecil George Kern	" 8
479. Archibald McDonald	" 26	495. Charles McPherson	" 8
480. John Bradshaw	May 21		1899.
481. Joseph Edward Hills	" 21	496. Stewart Richmond	Mar. 7
482. Patrick Walsh	" 21	497. Francis Charles Hill	" 7
483. Alfred Leipst	Nov. 8	498. Martin Kennedy	" 7
484. Donald Gillanders	" 8	499. Robert Edmund Judson	" 7
485. Frederick West Baldey	" 8	500. James Judson	" 7
486. William Aston	" 8	501. Robert Thomas Button	" 7
487. Thomas Perks	" 8	502. George Foster	" 7