

Minor Accidents

F. Hall while working at the Auckland City Council's Mount Eden quarry on 17th November, 1948, received slight injury to the face from an explosion of gelignite. Hall drilled into a crevice containing gelignite, which exploded, causing flying pieces of rock to strike his face.

On 25th November, 1948, at the Mata Lime-works, John Morunga was operating a mechanical loader when it capsized over a bank; in jumping clear Morunga fell heavily and sustained a broken wrist.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE QUARRIES ACT, 1944

Four informations were laid during the year for breaches against the Quarries Act, 1944 :—

On 12th January, 1948, at the Magistrate's Court, Whangarei, a quarry contractor was convicted and fined with costs in that he did have charge of blasting operations, contrary to section 9 (1) of the Quarries Act, 1944.

On 4th October, 1948, at the Magistrate's Court, Whangarei, a contracting firm was convicted and fined for storing explosive, contrary to section 16 (1) (a) (i), Quarries Act, 1944.

On 4th October, 1948, at the Magistrate's Court, Whangarei, a quarry foreman was convicted and fined for failing to keep a daily report book, contrary to Regulation 62 of the regulations dated 22nd March, 1948, made under the Quarries Act, 1944.

On 1st November, 1948, at the Magistrate's Court, Whangarei, a quarry occupier was proceeded against for storing detonators in a magazine with gelignite, contrary to section 16 (1) (a) (iv) of the Quarries Act, 1944. The case was dismissed.
