

ACCIDENTS REPORTED DURING THE YEAR 1901-2.

Auckland (28).—A girl employed at a confectionery-factory lost the tops of three fingers through contact with machine. A man employed in a printing factory lost the tops of three of his fingers while using a lithographic machine. A man employed at a sawmill lost the tops of two fingers while working at a band-saw. A man employed in the carpentering trade lost a finger and had two others lacerated through coming in contact with a planing-machine. The remaining twenty-four were of a very slight nature, consisting of slight cuts and bruises, and necessitating absence from work for a few days.

Arapu (1—fatal).—A young man employed at a sawmill was killed by falling on a circular saw.

Alexandra South (1).—A youth employed at a foundry had the top of his finger taken off by cog wheel of machine.

Ashburton (1).—A man employed in a meat-preserving works met with an injury to his spine by a block falling on him.

Brunnerton (1).—A man employed at a sawmill injured third finger in circular saw.

Carterton (2).—A man employed at a sawmill had his right arm broken while winching up a log. The other accident was only of a slight nature.

Christchurch (87).—A youth employed at an iron-foundry had his right arm broken. A youth employed at an engineering factory had two fingers broken by being caught in the cogs of a drilling-machine. A man employed in a tinsmithing factory lost the first joint of finger by contact with machinery. A man employed in a woollen-factory suffered from a severe crushing received by a "machine table" falling on him. A woman employed in a cardboard-box factory had her head jammed between a descending lift and the railing which is provided to prevent any one falling through the opening: the youth in charge of the lift noticed the woman's predicament, and at once stopped the lift; the woman escaped with slight injury. A man employed in a wood-turning factory had his nose broken and several teeth knocked out by the breaking of an emery wheel. A man employed in a biscuit-factory had his arm broken. A young man employed in a biscuit-factory had his hand crushed and lost his little finger at the second joint by the biscuit-cutting machine. A man employed at a tannery lost the first joint of the forefinger of the right hand while attending to bearings of machine; and another man employed at the same place had both legs scalded by walking into a pit of hot water. A man employed in a furniture-factory had his hand severely cut while working at a circular saw. The remaining seventy-six cases were of a slight nature, necessitating absence from work for a few days.

Dunedin (37).—A youth employed in a harness-factory was severely burnt about the hands and arms in attempting to extinguish a fire which was caused by the ignition of some fish glue. A youth employed in a printing-office had the flesh torn off his left hand from the knuckles to the tips of his fingers. A youth employed at a brick-press had the index finger of the left hand severed at the first joint. A young woman employed in a rug and mat factory had her left arm broken by being caught in the machinery. A man employed in an engineering factory had the bone of the first joint of the second finger of the right hand splintered. A man employed in an engineering factory had the first joint of the forefinger and the top of the fourth finger of the left hand taken off by the machine he was using. The remaining thirty-one cases were of a very slight nature, necessitating absence from work for a few days.

Dargaville (2—1 fatal).—A young man employed at a sawmill was killed by a piece of wood which flew from a circular saw, striking him in the stomach and arm. A young man employed at a sawmill received a severe crushing by a "saw-gate" striking him while he was oiling it.

Dannervirke (1).—A man employed at a sawmill had two fingers cut off by a circular saw.

Eltham (1).—A man employed in a furniture-factory lost two fingers by a circular saw.

Feilding (2).—

Foxton (1).—A man employed at a flax-mill received a severe cut from a circular saw.

Hamilton (1).—A youth employed at a flax-mill lost his right arm; his arm was pulled into the scutcher, and he had to have the arm amputated at the elbow.

Invercargill (16—1 fatal).—A man working in a brickworks was killed by being caught in the cogs of machinery. A man employed at a sawmill lost three of his fingers by coming in contact with a circular saw. A man employed at a sawmill had his thumb torn off by being caught in machinery. A man employed in a sawmill lost his thumb while working a circular saw. A man employed at a meat-preserving works was burnt about the face and hands, caused by an explosion of gas from digester. A young man employed at a foundry had the top of his thumb taken off. A man employed in an engineering factory lost three fingers while working machinery. Two men employed at oil-works were burnt about the hands and face, caused by an explosion at the retorts. The remaining seven cases were of a slight nature, necessitating absence from work for a few days.

Levin (2).—Two youths employed at flax-mill: one had two fingers crushed in a scutching-machine, and the other had his arm cut in machinery.

Napier (3).—A youth employed in a foundry had his wrist broken by a drilling-machine. A boy employed at carpentering had his little finger broken. A youth employed in a sawmill received a comparatively slight wound to one of his fingers while using a mortising-machine.

Palmerston North (2—1 fatal).—An engineer employed at the freezing-works had his right arm shattered while attending to the fan, for which purpose the machinery should have been stopped: he was removed to the Palmerston Hospital where his arm was amputated; the verdict of jury at inquest returned as "Accidental death." A man employed at a flax-mill had one of his fingers crushed.

Port Albert (1—fatal).—A man employed at a sawmill was killed while attempting to put the