

HYDRAULIC AND ALLUVIAL MINES.

Fatal.

4/4/1902.—John Murray, miner, Main Gully, Naseby, while working in his claim, was fatally injured by a fall of clay from the face.

18/4/1902.—A Chinese named Wong Choy was killed by a fall from the face in his claim at Bald Hill Flat.

5/6/1902.—Michael Mungovan, Black's No. 3, fell from the bucket in prospecting-shaft, a distance of 100 ft., death being instantaneous.

Non-fatal.

23/9/1902.—While cleaning up the boxes at the Lion Gold-mining Company, at Nokomai, they collapsed. D. McKenzie, manager, sustained fracture of small bone in leg, and two other men received slight bruises.

GOLD-DREDGES.

Fatal.

30/1/1902.—James Joseph McCluskey, casual hand, Success dredge, Waipori: Drowned through boat swamping while under-running a line.

2/5/1902.—James Cummings, winchman, Excelsior dredge, Miller's Flat: Killed. While working the winches an intermediate winch-pinion broke, a flying piece of metal striking him on the head.

20/6/1902.—William F. Bishop, engineer, Champion dredge, Beaumont, was fatally injured while oiling machinery in motion. The sleeve of his jumper was caught by the set-screw on screen-driving shaft, the right arm being torn off at the shoulder and right breast lacerated.

28/7/1902.—Charles Prince, dredge-hand, Belmont dredge, Waiau: Drowned, having jumped out of the boat, which was partially swamped owing to the boat-line fouling on a hidden snag.

30/10/1902.—Peter Müller, winchman, Golden Glen dredge, Island Block: Fatally injured, being caught in a coil of the ladder-line and crushed against the gantry.

In each case the dredge has been visited and inquest attended, and I subsequently reported to you on the several fatalities. In every instance the Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "Accidental death."

Non-fatal.

4/3/1902.—Perseverance No. 1 dredge, Alexandra: Mrs. McElroy (a visitor) fractured ankle; dress caught by revolving shaft.

13/3/1902.—Charles Booth, fireman, Long Valley dredge, Coal Creek Flat: Two fingers cut off in a bight on the head-line.

4/4/1902.—N. P. Kloogh, dredgemaster, Cromwell dredge, Cromwell: Blow on forehead by handle of crab-winch reversing suddenly.

12/4/1902.—J. Reeves, boxman, Waipori Consolidated dredge, Waipori, slipped when stepping across the well-hole and fell on a corner of the deck, fracturing three ribs.

22/4/1902.—F. Green, winchman, United No. 1 dredge, Waikaka: Toes crushed between winch-barrel and frame.

8/7/1902.—Harold Williams, winchman, Island Block dredge, Island Block: Foot slightly crushed between two winch-pinions.

14/7/1902.—G. P. Blue, dredgemaster, Fourteen-mile Beach, Electric dredge, Bald Hill Flat: Fingers and thumb of left hand burnt by contact with uninsulated cable.

13/8/1902.—T. F. Quilter, winchman, Quilter and party's hydraulic dredge, Waipori: Right arm crushed while oiling spur-wheel bearing, machinery being in motion. The arm was subsequently amputated above the elbow.

25/7/1902.—Thomas Gourley, engineer, Gold King dredge, Roxburgh: Fractured leg by lever lashed to fly-wheel for reversing engines.

8/9/1902.—Thomas Wilson, dredgemaster, Molyneux Falls dredge, Bald Hill Flat: Severe blow on crown of head, struck by handle of water-brake, which reversed suddenly.

I duly forwarded reports of the several accidents to you subsequent to respective dates hereof.

I have, &c.,

E. R. GREEN,

Inspector of Mines.

The Under-Secretary, Mines Department, Wellington:

REPORTS OF WARDENS.

Mr. Warden HUTCHISON to the UNDER-SECRETARY for MINES, Wellington.

SIR,—

Warden's Office, Auckland, 18th February, 1903.

I forward herewith the annual returns for the Puhipuhi Gold-mining District. As there has been no business transacted during the past twelve months I have nothing to report.

I have, &c.,

T. HUTCHISON,

Warden.

The Under-Secretary, Mines Department, Wellington.