

ACCIDENTS REPORTED DURING YEAR 1902-3.

Auckland (73—1 fatal).—Man employed by the gas company was killed by a fall of coal. Man employed at a boot-factory lost two fingers by contact with knives of a sole-cutting machine. Youth employed at foundry lost a thumb through being jammed between a grindstone and rest. Lad employed at ammunition-factory had an eye cut by a chip of steel. Man employed in a joinery-factory had his hand badly injured by being caught in a buzzer-machine whilst oiling it. Youth employed at a sawmill lost one finger from right hand by contact with circular saw. Man employed in an engineers' shop had three fingers broken by a hammer. Man employed at galvanising-works was scalded through slipping into hot-metal tank. Youth employed at an engineering shop had his arm injured through being caught in cog-gearing of a lathe. Youth employed in a plumbers' shop lost all the fingers of left hand by being caught in the cutting-machine. Man employed at a chemical factory was injured through falling off a ladder. Man employed at a tea-mixing factory had his arm injured by being caught in machinery. Man employed at a sawmill had his eye injured by a piece of wood flying back off the saw. Man employed at a boot-factory had his arm broken whilst shifting a driving-belt with his hand. Man employed at the sugar-works lost his arm through being caught in an elevator. Man employed in a shipbuilding-factory lost a thumb by contact with a circular saw. Man employed at a lime-works had his thigh broken through becoming entangled in machinery whilst greasing it. Man employed at a joinery-factory lost two fingers of left hand through contact with circular saw. Man employed at a sawmill had his leg broken by a fitch of timber. Man employed at a sawmill lost three fingers through contact with circular saw. Man employed at a sawmill had his arm broken through falling against the driving-belt of a planing-machine. The remaining fifty-two were of a very slight nature, consisting of cuts, bruises, &c., incidental to factory work, especially where machinery is used, and necessitating a few days' absence from work in most cases.

Aratapu (4).—Two men employed at a sawmill were injured by a fitch of timber. Youth employed at a sawmill got his fingers cut by contact with a frame-saw. Man employed at sawmill had his hand injured through being caught in a belt.

Ashburton (2).—Boy employed at woollen-mill lost the top of a finger in the gear of a carding-machine. Man employed at a fellmongery had his arm broken through interfering with a wringing-machine in motion.

Christchurch (92).—Youth employed in a boot-factory had three fingers of left hand crushed in a sole-machine. Man employed in a joiners' shop lost three fingers through contact with a circular saw. Youth employed at a tannery had his right hand crushed and lost all the fingers in a wool-scouring machine. Man employed at a printing-office lost the middle finger of left hand through being caught in cog-wheels. Man employed at a printing-office had the middle finger of right hand crushed in a printing-machine. Man employed in engineers' shop had his right leg injured by a heavy piece of ironwork. Youth employed at sawmill lost two fingers of left hand by contact with circular saw. Man employed at foundry had his collar-bone broken through falling off a platform. Youth employed at cycle-repairing factory had his right arm broken by being carried over a driving-shaft. Young woman employed at confectionery-factory had her right hand lacerated through being caught in a lozenge-machine. Boy employed at printing-office had his right arm badly broken through being caught on a revolving shaft. Young woman employed at confectionery-factory lost the first finger of left hand through being caught in cog-wheels of a chocolate-refining machine. The remaining eighty cases were of a slight nature, consisting of cuts and bruises incidental to factory work, especially where machinery is employed, and necessitating a few days' absence from work.

Carterton (1).—Man employed at a sawmill lost the thumb and first finger of his left hand through contact with a circular saw.

Collingwood (1).—Youth employed at butter-factory had his arm broken whilst throwing off a driving-belt with his hand.

Coalgate (1).—Youth employed at pottery-works lost part of his foot by contact with the plunger of pipe-machine.

Dannevirke (2—1 fatal).—Man employed at a timber-dressing factory was killed through his clothes catching on a bolt-head in a coupling-on driving-shaft. Man employed at a sawmill had his right arm broken and received other injuries by a fitch of timber thrown back from the circular saw.

Dargaville (1).—Man employed at a sawmill had his left hand badly cut by a goose-neck saw.

Dunedin (42).—Man employed at an implement-factory had his right arm broken through his coat-sleeve catching in the machinery. Youth employed at an implement-factory had his hand crushed in cog-wheels. Boy employed at a printing-office had his hand crushed in a platen-machine. Man employed in a confectionery-factory lost a thumb through being caught by the fin of a mixing-machine. Man employed at a biscuit-factory lost a finger through putting his hand under a cutting-machine in motion. Man employed at an engineers' shop had his leg broken by a piece of machinery falling on him. Man employed at a soap-factory lost a finger through being caught in a stamping-machine. The remaining thirty-five were of a very slight nature, consisting of slight cuts or bruises, and necessitating a few days' absence from work.

Foxton (1).—Man employed at a flax-mill had his arm slightly injured through being caught in belt of feed-rollers.

Gisborne (1 fatal).—Man employed at joinery-factory lost his life through becoming entangled in belting,

Greymouth (1 fatal).—Man employed at sawmill was run over and killed by a trolley.