

RETURN of ACCIDENTS to SEAMEN and Others on board Ship reported to the Marine Department during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1903.

Date of Accident.	Name of Vessel, Port of Registry, and Official Number.	Name of Person injured.	Nature of Injury: Fatal or otherwise.	Place where Accident occurred.	Particulars as to Accident and its Cause, and Verdict of Jury where Coroner's Inquest held.
1901. Sept. 23	Kennedy, s.s., Nelson, 52361 ..	D. McRae ..	Knee injured ..	Nelson ..	D. McRae was injured on board ship through his knee being jammed while engaged in shifting a dredge-bucket in the ship's hold. He was sent to the Nelson Hospital for treatment.
1902. Jan. 8	Charles Edward, s.s., Nelson, 47850 ..	F. Birch ..	Thumb injured ..	Nelson ..	The cook, F. Birch, chopped a piece off the end of his thumb.
" 16	Ditto ..	J. C. Hall ..	Fall ..	" ..	J. C. Hall, seaman, reported that he had a fall from a ladder while painting funnel of steamer.
Mar. 18	Kumara, s.s., Southampton, 110258 ..	W. C. H. Plunkett, A.B. ..	Drowned ..	Lat. 47° 6' S.; long. 120° 10' E.	An A.B., W. C. H. Plunkett, while engaged in setting the fore-sail was knocked overboard and lost. While the Court of Inquiry was of opinion that everything was done after the accident to save the man's life, yet it considered the captain, chief and second officers were deserving of censure for neglect of various duties, and ordered them to pay costs of inquiry.
April 18	Hauptiri, s.s., Dunedin, 89094 ..	John McNeill, labourer ..	Fatal ..	Greymouth ..	Deceased died from injuries received through accidentally falling down hold of s.s. "Hauptiri." His hat was blown down the hold, and recovering it he fell in going on deck. He was removed to the hospital, where he died on 23rd April.
" 28	Rio, Sydney, 83207 ..	Thomas Beveridge, A.B. ..	Fatal ..	Lat. 35° 33' S.; long. 155° 06' E. On voyage from Clarence River to Auckland	An A.B., Thomas Beveridge, was washed overboard while vessel was laying to during heavy weather.
April 30	Kumara, s.s., Southampton, 110258 ..	Edward Morrison, A.B. ..	Ribs fractured ..	Lyttelton ..	While engaged cleaning paintwork on hurricane-deck, the stool on which Edward Morrison, A.B., was standing to reach his work slipped, and he fell on to it, injuring his ribs.
May 8	Kinfauns, Dundee, 93465 ..	Gordon Trahair, O.S. ..	Fatal ..	Lat. 42° S.; long. 2° 10' E. On voyage from Liverpool to Wellington	An O.S., Gordon Trahair, while furling the fore-royal, fell from aloft overboard and was drowned.
28	Corinna, s.s., Launceston, 79252 ..	R. Crawley, A.B. ..	Right hand lacerated and ribs broken ..	Oamaru ..	R. Crawley, A.B., while assisting in discharge of cargo was attending to the rope on winch-end, and in some inexplicable manner his right hand got caught, and he was dragged round the barrel of the winch several times whilst it was in motion. On removal to the hospital it was found that the thumb of his right hand was badly lacerated, and several of his ribs on the right side broken.
June 3	Rosamond, s.s., Dunedin, 89594 ..	A. Schultze, A.B. ..	Bruised arm ..	Greymouth ..	A. Schultze, A.B., was working on a staging alongside vessel, and in getting aboard slipped and fell upon his arm. He was attended by a doctor, who did not consider the injury serious enough to warrant his staying ashore, and the man left in the ship the same evening for Lyttelton.
" 21	Hawk, Auckland 102337 ..	Frederick Irving, master ..	Fatal ..	Freeman's Bay, Auckland ..	The master, Frederick Irving, was working with a mate discharging logs, when he accidentally got between two logs, which crushed his legs. He died in the Auckland Hospital the same day.
July 4	Corinna, s.s., Launceston, 79252 ..	Joseph Byfield ..	Hand torn ..	Wharf, Greymouth ..	A labourer, Joseph Byfield, employed in discharging cargo from the Corinna, was rolling truck-wheels along the wharf, when he was struck by a sling of cargo and his hand was badly torn.