

No. 6.—RETURN of ACCIDENTS which proved Fatal in connection with Machinery—*continued.*

Name and Address of Owner.	Description of Machinery.	Name and Age of Person Injured.	Date and Nature of Accident.	Cause of Accident, and Remarks.
Waiotahi Gold-mining Company, Thames	Amalgamating-pans driven by water-power	Tasman G. Schofield; 38 years	9th May, 1906: large wound at the junction of right arm and shoulder; arm broken in several places. Hemorrhage and shock, cause of death	The belt that drives the amalgamating-pans slipped on the stationary pulley, and wound round the shaft. Schofield attempted to release the belt, and while standing on a ladder he got his arm entangled in it. His whole body was drawn round the shaft, causing severe injury to his arms and shoulder. He should not have attempted to do what he did until the machinery was stopped.
Trafalgar Gold-dredging Company, Nelson Creek	Gold-dredge	John Cowan Cummings; 33 years	30th October, 1906: right arm torn out of shoulder-socket, left arm broken, and other injuries	The accident occurred on the elevator-ladder of the gold-dredge. Cummings and one of the other dredge hands were engaged in repairing the hand-rail on elevator while the machinery was in motion. A $\frac{5}{8}$ in. set-screw that secures a collar on the shaft at about the fifth bearing caught the coat Cummings was wearing. He was immediately drawn into the machinery, and his right arm was torn out at the shoulder, and causing other severe injuries to him which resulted in his death.
Nelson Brick and Pottery Company, Nelson	Band-brake hauling-gear	Alex. Lonsdale Baldero; 36 years	31st January, 1907: right forearm broken in several places, deep wound under the jaw, dislocation of the neck, and fracture of the skull	The hauling-gear was used for lowering clay down an incline in trucks. The brake-lever controlling the gear was attached to an upright post. This post had been started from its position earlier in the day, and repairs had been effected to it. Baldwin, who was working the gear, presumably allowed the rope to get slack, and the truck running down the incline gained a great impetus. When the rope tightened an enormous undue strain was put upon it, jerking it violently. This extra strain caused the post to which the brake-lever was attached to be torn from its position. The brake-lever caught Baldero, and threw him over the brake-wheel and caused his death.
Taupiri Coal-mines, Huntly	Endless-rope hauling-gear	Clarence Skellern; 34 years	12th February, 1907: scalded terribly all over the body and face	The stop-valve leading from the 6 in. steam-pipe to the 4 in. steam-pipe was opened too abruptly. These pipes would contain a considerable quantity of condensed water during the night. The sudden opening of this stop-valve set up a water-hammer action in the pipes. The concussion that followed fractured the stop-valve chest. The fracture showed a clean break, and Skellern was badly scalded by the escaping steam, causing his death.
John Duthie, Nai Nai ..	Oil-engine and pump	Wm. Hy. Cremer; 36 years	15th February, 1907: wounds about the head and face, left arm dislocated, and fracture of the base of the skull	The belt slipped off the driving-pulley on to the engine-crank shaft into a space about 3 in. wide, between the pulley and the engine fly-wheel. It then came off the pump-pulley at the other end, and began to wind up on the engine-shaft. Cremer, who was near, tried to pull the belt off the shaft with a piece of wood, when he was caught by the belt and whirled round. His head came into contact with the floor of the engine-house as he was carried round. He received severe injuries, which caused his death.