

No. 6.—RETURN of FATAL ACCIDENTS in connection with Machinery during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1910.

Name and Address of Owner.	Description of Machinery.	Name and Age of Person Injured.	Date of Accident and Nature of Injury.	Cause of Accident, and Remarks.
George Fraser and Sons (Limited), Auckland	Sheer-legs ..	J. H. L. Dobbs ; 17 years	17th April, 1909 ; crushed	A superheater was being raised by a set of sheer-legs. The sheer-legs overbalanced and struck the superheater, which carried away and crushed Dobbs, causing his death.
Pringle and party, Miller's Flat	Gold-dredge ..	J. B. Paterson ; 37 years]	3rd June, 1909 ; head and arm crushed	Paterson was engaged oiling the tumbler-shaft while it was in motion. His right arm was caught between the crown and the spur-wheel. He was so severely injured that he died instantaneously. Strict instructions had been issued that the machinery was to be stopped for oiling.
G. W. J. Parsons, Christchurch	Grinding ..	A. J. Black ; 38 years	28th June, 1909 ; head crushed and arm torn	While attempting to overhaul the machinery when in motion, Black's clothing was caught by the gearing. His head and arm were drawn in, and he was so mangled that he died a few minutes after his arrival at the hospital.
J. and G. Marris, St. Helen's	Planing ..	J. Spolander ; 38 years	12th August, 1909 ; [crushed	Spolander was trying to change a belt while the machinery was in motion, when he was caught by the belt and taken round the shaft, sustaining such injuries as to cause his death a few hours later.
Kauri Timber Company (Limited), Mercury Bay	Sawmill ..	H. Eyre ; 39 years	8th September, 1909 ; abdomen punctured	A piece of timber that was being sawn broke, and the broken piece was caught by the back of the saw and thrown 30 ft. It struck Eyre on the left side, causing his death in five minutes.
Bowron Bros., Woolston	Tanning ..	F. Jensen ; 23 years	24th September, 1909 ; skull fractured	Jensen was standing on the top of the machine replacing a belt that had slipped off a pulley. His clothes were caught by the revolving shaft, and he was carried round by it. His head came into contact with another shaft, fatally injuring him.
George Winder, Wellington	Electric lift ..	T. Donovan ; 20 years	14th October, 1909 ; head crushed	Donovan went from the third floor through to the back of the balance-weights. When the balance-weights came down they crushed his head. He had no business to be there.
Red Jacks Sawmilling Company, Ngahere	Sawmill ..	Charles McGowan ; 25 years	2nd December, 1909 ; head cut, and arm severed	McGowan was working at the bench, passing the timber through the saw. Getting too near the saw, it caught his felt hat, and drew his head on to it. He put up one arm to save himself, and it was severed near the wrist by the saw.
W. Smart, Hornby ..	Stone-crushing..	James Steer ; 55 years	28th December, 1909 ; arm and ribs crushed	The belt was running loose on the shaft. Steer, in attempting to put it right, got entangled in the belt, and was wound tightly round the shaft, causing his death.
J. E. Watson and Co. (Limited), Invercargill	Geared lift ..	James Moyle ; 38 years	17th January, 1910 ; ribs fractured, and chest bruised	Moyle was unloading wool from the lift on the top flat. He must have rung the signal for the lift to be lowered before he took off the last bale. A man who was working with Moyle saw the lift descending with Moyle resting on the bales. He evidently attempted to jump off the lift-cage on to the platform of the next floor as the lift descended, and overbalanced himself, finally falling down the well of the lift. He received such injuries as to cause his death.