

Description of Fatal Accidents at Coal-mines, &c.—continued.

Name of Person killed.	Date of Accident.	Name of Colliery.	Cause of Accident, and Remarks.
Harold Dancer	7/12/14	Blackball	The deceased, a trucker, was standing at the bottom of a jig in the line of running trucks which were being jigged, when owing to derailment a truck became uncoupled, and, descending the jig at a rapid rate, struck deceased, with fatal results. The deceased had shortly before been warned by the Inspector of Mines (Mr. Newton) of the danger of standing in the line of trucks. The Coroner found accordingly. The provision of a trailer or back-stay to the ascending trucks would have prevented this disaster. This safeguard is now compulsory under Special Rule 57A (2) of the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1914.

The following statement shows the tons of coal and shale raised, persons employed, lives lost, &c., from 1878 to 1914 :—

Year.	Output.	Persons employed.			Tons raised per each Person employed Underground.	Tons raised per Life lost.	Persons employed per Life lost.	Lives lost per Thousand Persons employed	Number of Deaths.
		Above.	Below.	Total.					
Prior	709,931	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1878	162,218	147	366	513	443	*	*	*	0
1879	231,218	...	...	802	...	4,635	23	44.00	35†
1880	299,923	...	...	1,038	...	149,961	519	1.92	2
1881	337,262	...	...	963	...	337,262	963	1.04	1
1882	378,272	...	...	1,043	...	189,136	521	1.91	2
1883	421,764	361	888	1,249	475	210,882	624	1.60	2
1884	480,831	393	890	1,283	540	160,277	421	2.34	3
1885	511,063	338	1,145	1,483	456	170,354	494	2.01	3
1886	534,353	392	1,213	1,605	440	*	*	*	0
1887	558,620	388	1,111	1,499	503	139,655	375	2.66	4
1888	613,895	414	1,275	1,689	481	153,474	422	2.36	4
1889	586,445	466	1,251	1,717	468	146,611	313	2.37	4
1890	637,397	512	1,334	1,846	477	79,674	231	4.33	8
1891	668,794	416	1,277	1,693	523	167,198	423	2.36	4
1892	673,315	485	1,196	1,681	563	673,315	1,681	0.66	1
1893	691,548	590	1,298	1,888	533	138,309	377	2.64	5
1894	719,546	506	1,393	1,899	516	119,924	316	3.16	6
1895	726,654	525	1,274	1,799	618	145,331	360	3.33	5
1896	792,851	590	1,347	1,937	588	12,013	29	34.07	66‡
1897	840,713	531	1,381	1,912	609	210,178	478	2.09	4
1898	907,033	556	1,447	2,003	627	907,033	2,003	0.49	1
1899	975,234	554	1,599	2,153	609	325,078	717	1.39	3
1900	1,093,990	617	1,843	2,460	593	273,497	615	1.62	4
1901	1,239,686	688	2,066	2,754	600	413,228	918	1.09	3
1902	1,365,040	803	2,082	2,885	655	682,520	1,443	0.69	2
1903	1,420,229	717	2,135	2,852	665	355,057	713	1.40	4
1904	1,537,838	763	2,525	3,288	609	384,459	822	1.21	4
1905	1,585,756	833	2,436	3,269	651	264,293	546	1.83	6
1906	1,729,536	1,174	2,518	3,692	687	288,256	615	1.62	6
1907	1,831,009	1,143	2,767	3,910	662	152,584	326	3.07	1‡
1908	1,860,975	992	2,902	3,894	641	372,195	778	1.28	5
1909	1,911,247	1,159	3,032	4,191	633	273,035	599	1.79	7
1910	2,197,362	1,136	3,463	4,599	634	137,335	283	3.55	16
1911	2,066,073	1,365	2,925	4,290	706	147,577	306	3.26	14
1912	2,177,615	1,130	3,198	4,328	681	241,975	355	2.08	9
1913	1,888,005	1,053	3,197	4,250	590	314,667	708	1.38	6
1914	2,275,614	1,176	3,558	4,734	639	46,441	96	10.35	49§
Totals...	39,638,855	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	310

* No life lost. † Year of Kaitangata explosion. ‡ Year of Brunner explosion. § Year of Ralphs (Huntly) explosion.