

Lifts and hoists continue to be examined as far as the Inspectors' time will allow, and safety-catches are being fitted to nearly all now at work.

I also attach a table showing the number of boilers inspected and the amount of fees payable during the year.

I have, &c.,

J. NANCARROW,

Chief Inspector of Machinery.

The Secretary, Marine Department, Wellington.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of LAND BOILERS INSPECTED during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1886.

Name of District.	Number of Portable Boilers.			Number of Stationary Boilers.			Total.	
	Under 5 h.p.	5 to 10 h.p.	Over 10 h.p.	Under 5 h.p.	5 to 10 h.p.	Over 10 h.p.	Boilers.	Fees.
Otago ...	27	156	13	132	56	121	505	£ 854
Canterbury ...	13	141	3	112	42	54	365	615
Auckland ...	16	41	27	95	30	136	345	625
Wellington ...	7	36	22	23	27	62	177	395
Marlborough ...	1	6	1	7	4	14	33	65
Taranaki ...	...	4	6	3	11	12	36	86
Nelson North ...	2	19	6	17	17	11	72	142
Nelson South ...	...	1	...	3	...	7	11	19
Westland ...	...	4	2	16	4	11	37	63
Hawke's Bay ...	6	36	6	17	14	24	103	192
Totals ...	72	441	86	425	205	452	1,684	3,056

The INSPECTOR of MACHINERY, AUCKLAND DISTRICT, to the CHIEF INSPECTOR of MACHINERY.

SIR,—

Auckland, 7th April, 1886.

I have the honour to forward you my annual report on the boilers and machinery inspected by me in the Auckland District for the year ended the 31st March, 1886.

I am glad that there are no accidents with boilers to report. Thirty-seven have been repaired, 20 changed owners, 13 let out on hire, 5 granted extended certificates; 21 new ones have been brought into use, 11 of which were imported from Great Britain, and 10 manufactured in this colony: making a total of 471 workable boilers in this district, 345 of which have been inspected. Seventy-seven are laid up, due to depression of trade and other causes, and 49 remained uninspected at the end of the year.

I regret having accidents with machinery to report, one of which terminated fatally.

The appended returns give the number and description of the boilers and machinery inspected, fees payable, defects found in boilers, notices to repair boilers and protect dangerous parts of machinery, and accidents to life and limb in this district.

I have, &c.,

W. J. JOBSON.

The Chief Inspector of Machinery.

RETURN showing the NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of the BOILERS INSPECTED, and FEES payable.

Nature of Boiler.	Number.			Fees.	Remarks.	
	Under 5 h.p.	5 to 10 h.p.	Over 10 h.p.			
Portable boilers	3	6	£ s. d. 175 0 0	Employed at 35 establishments; fees at £5 each.	
Stationary boilers ...	3	2	87			
Locomotive boilers ...	...	...	2	
Portable boilers ...	14	37	18	444 0 0		Charged for at per horsepower of each boiler.
Stationary boilers ...	92	28	49			
Locomotive boilers ...	2	1	1			
Machinery inspections, 6 at £1 each	6 0 0		
Total fees for year ...	111	71	163	625 0 0		