

RETURN of NOTICES given to REMOVE DANGEROUS PARTS of MACHINERY in the OTAGO DISTRICT during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1886.

Date of Notice.	Description of Machinery.	Nature of Machinery to be removed.
1886. Jan. 14 ...	Saw-mill machinery	Circular saw cracked.

RETURN of ACCIDENTS to LIFE and LIMB which have occurred in connection with LAND BOILERS and MACHINERY in the OTAGO DISTRICT during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1886.

Name and Address of Owner.	Description of Machinery.	Name of Person injured.	Nature of Accident.	Fatal or not.	Cause of Accident and Remarks.
Messrs. Findlay and Co., timber merchants, Dunedin	Circular saw ..	Neil Shaw, sawyer, aged forty-two; Oct. 13, 1885	Two fingers cut off left hand	Not	This accident was caused through the slipping of a block of wood he was cutting, and was purely accidental.
George Hyndman, working-jeweller, Moray Place, Dunedin	Slitting-machine, a small iron disc-saw, for cutting greenstone	Humphrey Stevenson, aged fourteen; 18th April, 1885	Right arm broken	Not	Boys are employed to attend these machines, and, to enable them to put the belts off and on, a fixed stool is attached to each machine; the stool is 3ft. high, and the driving-shaft 7ft. from the floor; this enables them to put their belts on easily without any danger; but it seems that this boy went up on the bench, which is 4ft. high above the floor. This, of necessity, placed him so high, that he was partly above the shaft, when he put his arm over the shaft, which immediately caught his shirt, dragging his arm round and breaking it in two places. The driving-shaft is 1½ in. in diameter, and the belt 1 in. broad. This accident was entirely the boy's own fault, as boys are not allowed to go on to the bench, and could in no way be prevented by any fencing.

SUMMARY of INSPECTIONS.

Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	505
Machinery inspected	...	...	...	...	...	454
Defects found on the Inspection of Boilers and Fittings	...	...	...	...	...	41
Return of Accidents to Boilers and Machinery reported	...	...	...	...	...	2
Return of Notices given to repair Boilers	...	...	...	...	...	23
Return of Notices given to remove Dangerous Parts of Machinery	...	...	...	...	...	1
Return of Notices given to fence Dangerous Parts of Machinery	...	...	...	...	...	6
Return of Accidents to Life and Limb	...	...	...	...	...	2

The INSPECTOR of MACHINERY, CANTERBURY DISTRICT, to the CHIEF INSPECTOR of MACHINERY.
SIR,—

Christchurch, 8th May, 1886.

I have the honour to forward annual report of boilers and machinery inspected in the Canterbury, Westland, and Nelson South Districts during the financial year ending the 31st March, 1886.

The forms used in the report are the same as formerly, and, should any further particulars be required, I shall be happy to supply them.

For want of sufficient time, the Canterbury District has not been thoroughly inspected this year, and there are therefore some boilers at work without certificates.

The Westland District has been thoroughly inspected, and I was engaged in the Nelson South District at the close of the year. It has been all inspected since, and will appear in the next annual report.

In all cases where repairs to boilers or protection to machinery were required, I found all owners ready to comply with my instructions; so I do not consider it desirable always to serve written notice for repairs or protections.

I have, &c.,

The Chief Inspector of Machinery, Wellington.

GEORGE CROLL,