

RETURN of ACCIDENTS to BOILERS and MACHINERY reported as having occurred in the CANTERBURY DISTRICT during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1886.

Date of Accident.	Owner's Name and Address.	Nature and Cause of Accident.
1885. July 30 ...	Hale and Thrope, Christchurch (tubular boiler)	Reported leakage on bottom. Found first ring-seam leaking very bad, caused by an accumulation of grease on bottom introduced with feed. Had all the bottom plates renewed.
Aug. 6 ...	R. W. Walters, Christchurch (tubular boiler)	Reported leakage on bottom. Found all the seams in bottom leaking; iron had appearance of being red hot; not very dirty. I am of opinion the fire has been lit while boiler empty. Condemned.
Sept. 25 ...	James Dalziel, Mount Grey	Reported portable engine cracked in fire-box, caused by dirt. Two patches; cracks cut out.
1886. Feb. 11 ...	Bruce and Company (Limited), Timaru (2 Cornish boilers)	Reported collapse of furnaces, and repaired by two new plates in one furnace; the other was set up and stayed to shell. As this took place during my absence on leave, I cannot state the cause.
Feb. 22 ...	Hancock Brothers, Spreydon (vertical boiler)	Reported leakage in furnace. Found a crack in plate, caused by dirt in water-spaces. Had furnace renewed.

I had no notices of this nature from Westland or Nelson South Districts.

RETURN of ACCIDENTS to LIFE and LIMB which have occurred in connection with BOILERS and MACHINERY in the CANTERBURY 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.
Frank White, Temuka	Threshing machine	Thomas Gilbert, aged twenty-one years	Loss of right foot	Not	He was engaged cutting bands on top of machine, but how he got his foot into the beaters is not explained. I have seen several means tried of protecting drum, but, so far as I know, none have been a success, but are thrown aside.

This is the only accident I have to report for the Canterbury District, and am thankful to be able to say have none for Westland and Nelson South Districts.