

RETURN of NOTICES given to FENCE DANGEROUS PARTS of MACHINERY in the OTAGO DISTRICT during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1891.

Date of Notice.	Class of Machinery.	Parts requiring to be fenced.
1890. Nov. 20 ...	Flax-mill ...	Main driving-belt of pulley of engine and of shafting intermediate to be fenced; also (scutcher) opening of drums to be reduced to 1½in.
Nov. 25 ...	Flax-mill ...	Opening in scutcher-casing to be reduced to 1½in.
1891. Jan. 22 ...	Wool-washing machine	To be protected by a guard of sheet-iron over the roller-wheels in each machine.

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, 1891.

Name and Address of Owner.	Description of Machinery.	Name of Person injured.	Nature of Accident.	Fatal or not.	Cause of Accident and Remarks.
Ellis and Watt, Waicoula, Otago	Flax-dressing machinery	David James, aged 35 years	Left hand injured; 6th May, 1890	Not	It appears that this man was employed scutching; and at the particular time had a hank of flax in each hand, and, while flourishing the hank in the right hand at one of those employed in scutching the hank in the left hand, got caught by the tails drawing in his left hand, and getting it injured so much as to necessitate his removal to the Rinitoi Hospital. Size of opening in outer covering of scutch, 1¾in. It seems he had no right to be where he was, as he was only employed in twisting the hanks of dressed flax, preparatory to baling them up.
Southland Implement and Machine Works, Tyne and North Streets, Invercargill	Twine-spinning machinery	Penfold, aged 8 years (girl)	...	Fatal	It seems in this case the gate leading on to the main street had been left open, and the child coming past had strayed into the back yard, in which was a revolving shaft, situated about 18in. from the ground. This shaft was uncovered, and at the projecting end the child's clothes seem to have been caught, and, twisting round the shaft, threw the child round, and, dashing it on the ground, she was killed instantaneously. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The place had not been reported previously as making twine out of <i>Phormium tenax</i> .
Phoenix Company (Ltd.), MacLaggan Street, Dunedin	Bread-rollers	John Turner, aged 17 years	Right hand severely crushed; 15th Sept., 1890	Not	It appears this lad was working at the bread-roller machine, and, in taking away the crumbs from the machine, he put his hand too near the cylinders, with the result that his hand got caught, and was carried in through the rollers, severely crushing it, but not breaking any bones. No fencing can be put up to prevent this.