

RETURN of ACCIDENTS to LIFE and LIMB—*Continued.*

Name and Address of Owner.	Description of Machinery.	Name of Person injured.	Nature of Accident.	Fatal or not.	Cause of Accident and Remarks.
Brown and Richardson, Fortification Town, Mataura	Flax-mill	John Brown, aged 26	Right arm torn; 14th Nov., 1890	Fatal	It appears that Mr. John Brown, one of the owners, was showing a strange hand how to throw the flax into the scutcher, when by some means his arm was caught and drawn in, and torn in pieces: Death ensued through loss of blood during the time when he was being conveyed between Mohouta and Invercargill Hospital. At the inquest, on the 15th, before Coroner Rawson, Mr. Richardson and Dr. Stockwell gave evidence, the jury giving a verdict in accordance with the evidence; but added a rider to the effect that no newly-erected machinery should be worked before being inspected by the Inspector of Machinery. The mill was not reported. This opening in the scutcher was formerly 2½ in.; it has now been reduced to 1½ in.
Messrs. Reid and Gray, Dunedin.	Circular-saw	David Swan, aged 45	Finger taken off	Not	While sawing a piece of timber his hand slipped, coming against the front of the saw, cutting off one finger, and partially injuring another.
Frankton Beach Gold-dredging Company	Steam-dredge bucket	David McNidder, aged 46	Body crushed; 19th Feb., 1891	Fatal	This accident happened in the following manner: The friction-gear, which is placed on the deck on the port side, is enclosed in an open cast-iron framework, and consists of two bevel-wheels, with a pulley and band, with two levers connected with the strap. It would seem that one of the pins got loose, and the engineer, David McNidder, attempted to drive it in while the machinery was in motion, making about sixty revolutions per minute. In doing this his hammer missed the pin and got caught in between the links, and in trying to clear it he overreached himself, getting caught by the wheels, and was immediately crushed up against the tumbler-framing, death being instantaneous. The friction-gear stands 3ft. 6in. above the deck, and works close up to the tumbler-framing.