

*Waimate South*.—21st December, 1893—tailor; employing girl on half-holiday; fined 2s., and 11s. costs. 21st December, 1893—tailor; employing girl on half-holiday; fined 2s., and 7s. costs.

CONVICTIONS UNDER "THE SHOPS AND SHOP-ASSISTANTS ACT, 1892," 1st APRIL, 1893, TO 31st MARCH, 1894.

*Auckland*.—16th January, 1894—grocer; not granting half-holiday in week to shop-assistant; fined 10s., and £1 12s. costs.

*Wellington*.—26th January, 1894—pork-butcher; not granting half-holiday to shop-assistant; fined £2, and £1 8s. costs. 26th January, 1894—pork-butcher; not granting half-holiday to shop-assistants; defied law; fined £5, and £1 10s. costs.

*Dunedin*.—28th December, 1893—stationer; not granting half-holiday to shop-assistants; fined 10s., and £1 10s. costs. 11th January, 1894—fancy warehouseman; employing women more than fifty-eight hours in week (four charges); fined £4, and £3 10s. costs. 11th January, 1894—fancy warehouseman; employing women more than fifty-eight hours in week (twelve charges); fined £12, and £11 10s. costs.

*Oamaru*.—3rd December, 1893—draper; not granting half-holiday to shop-assistants; fined 1s., and 11s. costs.

*Gisborne*.—3rd November, 1893—draper; not granting half-holiday to shop-assistants; fined 1s.

LIST OF ACCIDENTS REPORTED DURING YEAR 1893-94.

*Carterton (2)*.—Two men were killed in Carterton. These, however, were really not factory hands, but drivers. One man was killed by carrying harness under the driving-belt, which caught and killed him; the other went to stop his horses, which had bolted; he was knocked down, and a truck passed over him, killing him.

*Christchurch (8)*.—Five of a slight nature occurred at foundries and engineers' workshops, and were purely accidental. A lad employed at packing-factory was slightly injured by falling down the lift. A bootmaker got his finger caught in cog-wheel of the cutting-press, and sustained loss of middle finger of the left hand. A greaser at freezing-works got right hand lacerated in refrigerating-machine.

*Dunedin (10)*.—A lad had a finger bruised in rollers of biscuit-machine; slightly injured. A lad (cabinetmaker) lost his thumb and forefinger of left hand in planing-machine; lad's own fault. A lad had thumb of right hand fractured by being caught in wheel of mixing-machine. A man broke his leg by falling off a ladder. A sawyer lost part of left thumb by a circular saw. A lad at ropewalk got his foot injured by being caught in spikes of drawing-machine. A man got leg and foot burned by upsetting a ladle of molten metal which he was carrying. A lad got slight wound in hand caused by a piece of steel he was grinding slipping. A foreman miller caught in belt, and was killed; Coroner's jury gave verdict of "Accidental death." A man employed at a steam-saw had hand and face cut slightly.

*Invercargill (3)*.—A man at ropewalk got left arm injured by slipping; purely accidental. A lad at wire-factory got right hand and head scorched slightly at a fire. A man at wire-factory injured by a pulley coming off its axle and striking him in stomach whilst he was engaged fastening it.

*Nelson (1)*.—A lad lost hand in biscuit-factory.

*Wellington (8)*.—A machinist at printing-office lost a finger through being caught in the rollers; purely accidental. A lad employed at a saw-mill got two fingers cut slightly by coming in contact with the saw. A man working a band-saw got two fingers of right hand slightly cut by coming in contact with saw. A foreman at printing-office got thumb of left hand slightly crushed by incautiously putting his hand on the machine whilst in motion. Two lads at an upholstering factory got right hands slightly cut by placing them in the teasing-machine whilst in motion. A rather serious accident to an old man, a pattern-maker, by bringing his right elbow in contact with back part of band-saw; purely accidental, as all the necessary guards are provided on the saw. A machinist at printing-office had his right arm broken by being caught in the fly-wheel of an Otto gas-engine; purely accidental.

Total accidents reported from the whole colony, 32—viz., Christchurch, 8; Carterton, 2; Dunedin, 10; Invercargill, 3; Nelson, 1; Wellington, 8.