

RETURN OF ACCIDENTS TO SEAMEN and Others on board Ship reported to the Marine Department during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1904.

Date of Accident.	Name of Vessel, Port of Registry, and Official Number.	Name of Person injured.	Nature of Injury: Fatal or otherwise.	Place where Accident occurred.	Particulars as to Accident and its Cause, and Verdict of Jury where Coroner's Inquest held.
1903.					
May 22	Akaroa, s.s., Auckland, 74636..	Richard Carroll, cook ..	Lost overboard ..	Off Tutukaka ..	Deceased was strange in his manner, but there was no evidence to show how he got overboard. No blame was attachable to master or crew, nor was there anything in the ship herself her build or equipments, that could have contributed to the casualty.
" 29	Hauroto, s.s., Dunedin, 84479..	W. Chapman, trimmer..	Injuries to head and shoulder ..	At sea, latitude 33° 44' S., longitude 176° 40' E. ..	W. Chapman, trimmer, was struck by an ash-bucket falling through after stokehold-ventilator. From inquiries made it could not be ascertained who opened the ventilator-door. Drowned in wreck of vessel.
June 23	Ada and Eva, Sydney, 112554..	Henry Johnson, A.B. ..	Drowned ..	Gillespie's Beach, 28 miles S. of Okarito ..	Washed overboard by heavy sea breaking on board while vessel crossing bar.
July 6	Emma Sims, Lyttelton, 101135	Patrick Darragh, master ..	Drowned ..	Bar of Hokitika River ..	W. C. Sime, trimmer, whilst helping engineer to start machinery got his foot entangled in shaft, causing him to lose three toes on left foot.
Aug. 1	Kapui, s.s., Auckland, 115191..	William Charles Sime, trimmer ..	Loss of three toes on left foot ..	Auckland ..	In crossing the s.s. "Pilot," laden with a box, to board the "Parera," Frederic Sleigh, engineer, fell into the river, and was drowned. Verdict: Accidentally drowned.
" 7	Parera, oil-launch ..	Frederic Sleigh, engineer ..	Drowned ..	Aratapu ..	In towing barquentine "St. Kilda," into Wanganui, the tow-line, which belonged to the "St. Kilda," parted, striking H. N. Rachlen, A.B., and breaking his leg.
Sept. 6	Stormbird, s.s., Wellington, 31760	H. N. Rachlen, A.B. ..	Right leg broken above knee ..	About half-mile off Wanganui Bar ..	George Turner, A.B., fractured the little finger of his right hand while engaged unshipping the derrick.
" 9	Rata, Auckland, 78997 ..	George Turner, A.B. ..	Finger fractured ..	Railway Wharf, Auckland ..	Vessel was lying at breastwork, and it is supposed that when coming ashore Duffy missed his footing, and striking his head fell, stunned, into the water. Verdict: Deceased was accidentally killed by falling into the harbour.
" 10	Moehau, Auckland, 82712 ..	John Duffy, A.B. ..	Drowned ..	Breastwork, Quay Street West, Auckland ..	Robert Pope was struck on the head by a sack of ashes falling on him while in the stokehold.
" 19	Aparima, s.s., London, 115807	Robert Pope, fireman ..	Head injured and shoulder bruised ..	Queen Street Wharf, Auckland ..	Thomas Bustin, donkeyman, was slicing the fires when he tripped on a piece of coal and the slice fell on his toe, injuring it.
Oct. 15	Mokoia, s.s., Dunedin, 101483	Thomas Bustin, donkeyman ..	Toe injured ..	Queen's Wharf, Wellington ..	H. Tayson, A.B., was employed in hold stowing iron pipes, &c., when his right hand got caught between two pipes, injuring his little finger.
" 17	Rose Casey, s.s., Auckland, 78369	H. Tayson, A.B. ..	Little finger injured ..	Dunedin ..	Slightly injured through the gaff falling.
" 23	Havoc, Auckland, 102296 ..	Walter Vanderspeck, A.B. ..	Slight ..	Kiripaka ..	While loading logs, got caught in flywheel of windlass.
" 29	Waitemata, Auckland, 82727..	John Henry Rowe, A.B. ..	Toes of right foot badly injured ..	Whangarei Wharf ..	F. Smith was at the wheel, when the rudder being struck by a sea, he was thrown over, and his leg was broken.
Nov. 30	Hawk, Auckland, 102337 ..	Frederick Smith, A.B. ..	Broken leg ..	On voyage from Kaipara to Auckland ..	Whilst in tow of the p.s. "Awarua," the tow-rope slipped off the chocks, catching Charles Bassett, fracturing a bone in his leg below the knee.
Dec. 4	Clan McLeod, Auckland, 68086	Charles Bassett, A.B. ..	Bone fractured in leg ..	Spit Passage, Thames ..	While attending to the furnace the fire blew out on him and he was severely burnt.
" 6	Rosamond, s.s., Dunedin, 89594	Angus McPhail, donkeyman ..	Burns on arms, face, and hands ..	Greymouth Wharf ..	