

RETURN OF ACCIDENTS TO SEAMEN and Others on board Ship reported to the Marine Department, &c.—continued.

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.
1904. Jan. 1	Amelia Sims, Lyttelton, 112525	Oscar Johnson, A.B. ..	Loss of part of second finger left hand	Lyttelton ..	While heaving on the winch, Oscar Johnson slipped and caught his hand in the cogs of the winch, and injured second finger of left hand.
"	Waiohahi, s.s., Auckland, 94250	S. C. Brown, passenger..	Wound on temple, and shook	Auckland ..	Steamer was taking on board a portable engine weighing nearly 5 tons, when the mast snapped near the centre, bringing down with it a large quantity of wreckage.
Feb. 3	Corinthic, s.s., Liverpool, 115296	James D. Burtenshaw, assistant - pantryman on s.s. "Rotoiti" ..	Fatal ..	Glasgow Wharf, Wellington	While crossing "Corinthic" from "Rotoiti," Burtenshaw accidentally fell down the "Corinthic's" No. 4 hold, a distance of about 40 ft., sustaining severe injuries to the brain and shock to the system, from which he died the same day in Wellington Hospital. Verdict: Accidental death, no blame being attachable to anybody.
"	Saxon, schooner, Auckland, 70361	Charles Bales, A.B. ..	Fatal; drowned	About 1½ miles S.W. by S. of Sail Rock, 14 miles from Whangarei	Charles Bales, A.B., while employed about the cathead clearing the sail, fell overboard and was drowned. Court found that the evidence showed no one was to blame for the accident, and that master and crew did all in their power to save the man's life.
"	Huia, ketch, Auckland ..	Neils Albert Bertelsen, master	Fatal; fracture of base of skull	Hobson Street Wharf, Auckland	When attempting to board vessel deceased, who was in the act of sitting down on the edge of the wharf, overbalanced himself and fell, striking his head on the rail of the vessel. He was promptly taken out of the water and removed to the hospital, where he died.
"	Delphic, s.s., Liverpool, 106851	George Stephens, O.S. ..	Concussion of the brain and broken wrist	Wellington ..	While working in 'tween deck George Stephens, O.S., fell down an open hatchway into the hold, a distance of about 15 ft.
"	Tokomaru, s.s., Southampton 99624	Thomas Howe, trimmer	Broken leg	Lyttelton ..	Leg was broken through foot slipping on the deck, causing him to fall.
Mar. 8	Waiwera, s.s., Southampton, 110243	James Turner, boatswain	Fatal ..	Timaru ..	Verdict: That the death was due to misadventure, caused by a blow lawfully struck by the first officer in self-defence and under great provocation.
"	Waiwera, s.s., Southampton, 110243	Alfred John Searle, boatswain's mate	Fatal ..	Timaru ..	A. J. Searle was found in a dying condition at the bottom of No. 2 hold, which was not in use, and consequently the upper-deck hatches were on, while those of the 'tween decks were not on. Verdict: Found dead, and that death was due to shock and failure of the heart's action, induced by the injuries received, but there was insufficient evidence to show how the injuries were caused.
23	Kennedy, s.s., Nelson, 52361 ..	William Henry O'Neil, A.B.	Sprain ..	Little Akaloa ..	When picking up a bag of grass-seed on the wharf he sprained his back.
"	Northern Chief, Auckland, 87545	William Kassens, A.B. ...	Drowned	At sea, on a voyage from Newcastle to Auckland	Accidentally fell overboard from the fore upper-topsail yard when taking in a sail, and was drowned. Court of Inquiry reported that master, officers, and crew did everything that was possible to rescue him.