The following return gives the defects found in boilers, &c., for the twelve months ending on the 31st March, 1884:—

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	Dangerous.	Ordinary.	Total.					
Firebox out of shape	4		•••			1		1
Fractured plates	•••	•••		•••			5	1 5
Blistered plates	• • • •			• • • •			4 3	<b>4</b> 3
Corrosion, internal			• • •					3
Corrosion, external		•••		•••			6	6
Tubes				***	• • •		7	7
Stays					• • •		4 5	4 5
Joints sprung			•••				5	5
Tot	al defects	s in boile	rs			1	33	34
Defective fittings—								
Safety valves							5	5
TO -	•••		•••	• • •			11	11
Water-gauges and t	est-taps	***	•••	•••			7	7
Blow-off taps	•••		***				3	$egin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \end{array}$
Spring-balances	,	• • •	,.,	*** .	.,,		1	1
Omissions—							1	
Boilers without man-holes		. ,.,	•••	.,.			2	2
Boiler without water-gauge Boiler without sludge-hole		•••	•••	•••	.,,	,	1	1
		***	•••	• • •	,.,	,	1	1
Gross total		,,,		,,,	1	64	65	

RETURN showing Notices given to Fence Dangerous Parts of Machinery.

Date of Notice.	Description of Machinery.	Parts requiring to be fenced.
May 3, verbal June 12, written Aug. 21, verbal Aug. 30, written Sept. 15, written	Chair factory Saw-mill Saw-mill Soapworks Cheese factory	Engine fly-wheel. Belts on three planing- and one moulding-machines. Two fly-wheels on breaking-down sawand one length of shafting. Engine fly-wheel and belts on bone-mill. One length of shafting.
Sept. 17, written Sept. 18, written Oct. 13, written Oct. 15, written Oct. 18, written		Three belts and one length of shafting. Engine-crank and connecting-rod. Belts on planing-machine and gang-saw. One pair pinion-wheels. Belt on planing-machine.
Nov. 14, written Nov. 16, written Nov. 22, written Nov. 26, written	Brewery Cement works Saw-mill Saw-mill	Belt on engine fly-wheel. Engine fly-wheel and two pair bevel-wheels. Belt on planing-machine. Two lengths of shafting and two belts on planing-machine.
Dec. 5, written Dec. 5, written Dec. 14, written Dec. 24, verbal Jan. 7, verbal	Soapworks Coal-mining Saw-mill Ironworks	Engine fly-wheel. One pair wheels on soap-press. Spur- and pinion-wheels on winding-engine. Two belts on door-planers and one belt on jig-saw. Engine fly-wheel.
Feb. 11, written Feb. 11, written Feb. 12, written Feb. 18, verbal Feb. 21, written	Hydraulic lift Steam lift Hydraulic lift Saw-mill Gas lift	Safety gear to be fitted. Safety gear to be fitted. Safety gear to be fitted. Two belts on planing-machine. Safety gear to be fitted.
Feb. 21, written Feb. 21, written Feb. 21, written Feb. 22, written	Hydraulic lift Hydraulic lift Hydraulic lift Hydraulic lift	Safety gear to be fitted.
Feb. 22, written Feb. 22, written Mar. 11, verbal Mar. 13, verbal Mar. 26, written	Hydraulic lift  Hydraulic lift  Saw-mill  Saw-mill  Gas lift	Safety gear to be fitted. Safety gear to be fitted. Two belts on planing-machine. One pair bevel-wheels. Safety gear to be fitted.
Mar. 26, written Mar. 26, written	Gas lift	Safety gear to be fitted.

I may state that owners readily comply with instructions given to protect machinery.