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on the spot before his mate could remove the coal. A parting in the coal, not previously seen, caused the slip. An inquest was held, and the jury visited the mine, which resulted in a verdict,

"Accidental death: no blame to any one."

15. Wallsend Mine.—On the 14th November Joseph Carter, while filling his tub, was badly injured by a fall of coal from the face of the adjoining working-place, where a long sprag was already in position—but temporarily only—till some loose coal could be removed to give it a good foothold. Before this could be done the sprag slipped at foot, or canted over with the weight, and fell on Carter. The sprag was placed against the coal by two other men working alongside of Carter. I do not think any of the men anticipated any danger. The fall was quite unexpected. The shift had only just started to work.

16. Wallsend Mine.—On the 20th November J. McCaffrey nearly received a death-blow on the

head from a sprag springing back from his working-face.

17. Wallsend Mine.—Robert Russell got his leg broken and some internal injuries by a fall of coal on the 21st December. The coal had a back to it not previously seen. He said: "There was

List of Persons convicted of Breaches of the Coal-mines Act at Brunnerton Resident Magistrate's Court.—William Henderson, having, on the 3rd February, 1887, carried loose matches and a box of same into the Wallsend Mine; fined 10s.; costs of Court, 9s.; one witness, 10s.; solicitor's fee, £1 1s.: 9th February, 1887. John Thomas, having, on the 3rd February, 1887, carried into the Wallsend Mine matches and tobacco-pipe; fined 10s.; costs of Court, 9s.; solicitor's fee, £1 1s.: 9th February, 1887. James Rowe, having one match in his possession in the Wallsend Mine on the 3rd February; fined 10s.; costs of Court, 9s.; solicitor's fee, £1 1s.: 9th February, 1887. John Birch took an unlocked safety-lamp into his working-place, in the temporary absence of deputy, in Wallsend Mine on the 18th June; fined 10s.; costs of Court, 11s.; and two witnesses, 10s. £1: 4th July, 1887. I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of Mines, Wellington.

J. Gow, Inspector of Mines.

ACCIDENT TABLE.

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No. and Date.	Name of Mine.	Locality.	Cause of Accident.	Above Ground.	Below Ground.	Fatal.	Non-fatal.	Name of Sufferer.	Remarks.
Date. 1. Jan. 10 2. " 19 3. Feb. 19 4. Mar. 7 5. " 25 6. April 7 7. " 25 8. June 14 9. " 12 10. Aug. 18 11. " 24 12. " 26 13. " 26 14. " 29 15. Sept. 1 16. " 17 17. " 22 18. " 29 19. Oct. 3 20. " 5 21. " 14	Miranda	Locality. Waikato Greymouth "" Naseby Nightcaps Greymouth "" "" Westport Mosgiel Greymouth Collingwood Greymouth	North Isla Crushed by cage against opening-set in shaft Middle Isla Fall of coal Ignition of gas Fall of coal Ignition of powder Fall of coal Explosion Truck on incline Fall of coal Fall of coal Fall of coal In way of tub Fall of coal In way of tub Fall of coal Crushed by tubs Tall of coal Crushed by tubs Crushed by tubs Crushed by tubs Crushed by tubs	$nd.$ \cdots $and.$	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Thomas Hope J. Masters. H. Eckhold James Duke. J. Macdonald George Perry J. Dempster J. Dunn W. Walker J. Elliott G. Eynton R. H. Jones. George Owen. J. Denman. James Hays. C. Williamson G. Newton. T. Kirkwood. T. Smart. J. Stephenson D. Snaddon. J. Bremner. J. Squire G. Rankine.	Remarks. Leg broken and scalp wound. Eleven weeks off work. Died, 24th March- Not reported. Royal Commission. Dislocated hip. Not reported.
22. " 17 23. " 26 24. " 27 25. Nov. 4	Brunner Idaburn		Fall of coal Fall of stone Run over by set Fall of coal	1	1 1 1	1	1 1 1	W. Mason, J. Arbuckle, F. Goodrich, J. Macdonald	Not reported by manager or Coroner.
26. " 14 27. " 15 28. " 17 29. " 18 30. " 20 31. Dec. 21	Wallsend Coalbreokdale Wallsend Kaitangata Wallsend	Greymouth Westport Collingwood Kaitangata Greymouth	Fall of prop	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1 1 1 1 1 1 28	1 1 4	1 1 1 1 27	J. Carter. E. Jones. P. Iveson. A.Cunningham J. McCaffrey. R. Russell.	Coroner.