

RETURN of ACCIDENTS to BOILERS in the WELLINGTON DISTRICT during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1890.

Date of Accident.	Name and Address of Owners.	Nature and Cause of Accident.
1889. May 19 ...	The Grey Valley Coal Company, Nelson South	Partial collapse of furnace-flue from want of water. One of the ring-seams of the flue was opened, allowing the steam to escape through the furnace. The pressure at the time was low, about 7lb. to the square inch, or the result might have been very serious.
1890. March 26 ...	The Wellington Meat Export Company, Wellington	Partial collapse of the flue of a Lancashire boiler. This was no doubt owing to shortness of water on the parts affected; but whether the water was allowed to fall below the crowns of the flues, or was driven off by violent ebullition, examination failed to show. The furnaces are of the best quality of mild steel, and showed no sign of crack or flaw even when forced back to their former position.

RETURN of ACCIDENTS to LIFE and LIMB which have occurred in connection with MACHINERY in the WELLINGTON DISTRICT during the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1890.

Name and Address of Owners.	Description of Machinery.	Name of Person injured.	Nature of Accident.	Fatal or not.	Cause of Accident, and Remarks.
The Wellington Woollen Manufacturing Company (Limited), Wellington.	Woollen-mill ..	William Norris	Leg crushed ..	Not ..	This accident was caused by the rollers of a scouring-machine, and was the result of the lad's attempting to climb up on the machine while it was in motion, when his leg was caught and severely crushed between the rollers. In the performance of his duties he had no right or necessity to be there, and the accident can only be put down to venturousness on the part of the lad himself.
The Wellington Woollen Manufacturing Company (Limited), Wellington.	Woollen-mill ..	Mary Smith ..	Finger crushed ..	Not ..	This accident was caused by the wheels of the machine she was attending, she having lifted the protecting-cover off for the purpose of cleaning them, her finger by some means getting between the cogs. The notice to all machine-tenders in the mill is on no account to remove any of the protecting-covers; and had she acted up to these instructions the accident could not have occurred.
Mudford Brothers, Campbelltown	Flax-mill ..	William Quinn	Head cut ..	Not ..	This accident was caused by the drum of a stripping-machine flying in pieces while the man was in the act of feeding in the flax; but whether it was due to a flaw in the casting, or owing to some hard substance getting between the drum and the beater, I cannot ascertain. Care and daily examination of the drum are all that can be done to prevent accidents of this nature.
Stewart, Sutton, and Co., Palmerston North	Flax-mill ..	John O'Halloran	Arm torn off ..	Not ..	This accident was caused by the driving-belt of the stripping-machine catching and winding the man's arm round the counter-shaft. At the time of the accident he was assisting to repair the belt without stopping the machinery, a very dangerous proceeding, which fencing cannot prevent.
E. Gawn, Wellington	Steam-mangle	Florence Moore	Hand crushed ..	Not ..	This accident was caused by the rollers of the mangle catching the girl's hand while attempting to reach to the opposite side of the machine from which she stood. Her duties did not require her to do this, and to fence in the rollers would render the machine useless. The accident was of such a serious nature that the hand had to be amputated about the wrist.