

Wellington.—Six cases, under “The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894”: For failing to close shops on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday. Two were dismissed without costs; in one case the Stipendiary Magistrate ruled that there was nothing in the Act to prevent a person giving voluntary assistance in a shop; in the other case the Inspector erred in consenting to the amending of the information. Convictions obtained for the other four: penalties, £3 10s., with £1 16s. costs.

Christchurch.—Three cases, under “The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894”: For failing to close shops on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday. Penalties, 1s., with £1 8s. costs, on each of two cases; and £1, with £1 8s. costs, on the third.

Pleasant Point.—One case, under “The Factories Act, 1894”: For failing to register under the Act. Penalty, 5s., with 7s. costs.

Dunedin.—Two cases, under “The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894”: For keeping employes more than half an hour after the prescribed time. Penalties, 10s., with £1 19s. costs.

One appeal entered against previous decision, under “The Factories Act, 1894”: For employing females on Saturday afternoon. Magistrate had ruled that employé had worked for herself, and that the employer was not responsible. The Supreme Court reversed that decision, with £5 5s. costs.

Winton.—One case, under “The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894”: For having goods sold by an employé on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday. Penalty, 5s., with 9s. costs.

LIST OF ACCIDENTS REPORTED DURING YEAR 1894-95.

Auckland (13).—Three cabinetmakers: one slightly injured by falling through trap-door, one cut left hand badly in circular saw, and one slightly injured by a gouge. Five in sawmills: one severely crushed between two logs, one slightly injured in turning-lathe, two slightly in circular saw, and one lost right thumb in planing-machine. Two in printing-offices: one slight injury to hand, the other slight bruises, in machinery. Two in railway workshops: one slightly injured by falling into a pit; the other, a lad, slightly cut by circular saw. One in biscuit-factory: broke thigh by falling down lift.

Christchurch (7).—A lad employed as lithographer's assistant had thumb dislocated; injury slight. A man employed in foundry received wound in right eye through being struck by a chip of iron, sustaining loss of eye. A lad employed at a cycle-factory lost part of two fingers of right hand by being caught in a drilling-machine. A boilermaker had right eye slightly burned by a heated chip from a rivet striking him. A lad at implement factory had a slight injury to finger through being jammed. A man at butter-factory had both arms slightly scalded by steam. A man employed at Addington Workshops received slight injury to finger through coming into contact with air-pump.

Dunedin (14).—A lad at implement factory was slightly burned through coming in contact with a skimmer whilst engaged casting. A lad at Hillside Railway Workshops was seriously injured by his hand coming into contact with a circular saw. A lad employed at implement factory lost top joint of two fingers through being crushed in steam-hammer. A lad employed at rope-factory got one finger crushed through coming into contact with the machinery; injury slight. A lad employed at Hillside Railway Workshops, a slight injury to two fingers through being jammed in a bolt-plate. A man engaged at foundry was slightly injured by thumb being cut in circular cutter. A man employed as oliverman at Hillside Railway Workshops; slight injury to thumb. A man engaged at foundry; slightly cut right arm with lathe. A lad employed at Hillside Railway Workshops; slightly injured; whilst playing with a cog-wheel his finger got caught. A man employed at sawmill got finger cut off by coming into contact with spoke-dressing machine. A boilermaker had slight injury to his eye by a chip from hot rivet. A lad employed at biscuit-factory received a slight injury to hand through being caught in a rake-roller. A lad employed at implement factory cut finger slightly by lawn-mower he was setting up.

Greymouth (1).—A man employed at sawmill was killed by falling across the saw, which cut him to pieces.

Invercargill (1).—A lad employed at a woodware factory had two fingers accidentally cut off left hand with planing-machine he was using.

Matarama (1).—A man employed at sawmill was injured slightly by a slab which was thrown back by saw.

Timaru (3).—A lad employed at furniture-factory got hand cut by flock-teaser. A lad employed at woollen mills accidentally got slight cut on wrist by coming in contact with carding-machine. A man employed at brickmaking factory accidentally lost right hand through its being caught in pressing-machine.

Wanganui (2).—A man employed at Eastown Railway Workshops had two fingers of right hand accidentally crushed when oiling an engine, the machinery being in motion. A labourer employed at same place had third finger of left hand jammed whilst engaged assisting to fix pair of wheels in a lathe which was not in motion; injury slight.

Wellington (10).—A lad employed at Petone Railway Workshops got right hand slightly crushed in steam-hammer. A man, a blacksmith, in same shop, was slightly injured by a spark of fire in the eye. A man employed at woollen mill was injured slightly by getting his thumb caught in a cog-wheel. A lad employed in a furniture-factory lost tops of thumb and two fingers by contact with circular saw; accidental. A lad employed at sawmill slightly injured with a mortising machine he was using. A lad employed at packing-factory got a finger slightly cut by a shearing-machine he was using. A lad employed at a printing-office lost top of a finger through being caught in a small printing-press; purely accidental. A man employed at a sawmill lost two fingers of left hand by coming in contact with circular saw; purely accidental. A man employed as a fireman at the freezing-works had his arm burned by a flash from a furnace.