

Workshops: one slight injury to right hand through contact with planing-machine; the other severely cut on face and hand through falling on a lathe in motion.

*Dunedin (21).*—A lad employed at biscuit-factory: hand severely crushed in rollers. A lad, seventeen years of age, employed at biscuit-factory: thigh broken through machinery being started before the boy was clear of the belting. A man employed at a foundry: severe injury to his foot through a piece of iron falling on it. A lad employed at same place struck his knee with winch-handle. A man employed by a confectioner fell into a pot of boiling sugar and was slightly burned on arm and face. A man employed at city sawmill had three fingers badly cut by contact with shaping-machine. A man employed at a foundry: slight bruise on arm through contact with a polishing-buffer. An apprentice at railway workshops lost top of a finger whilst playing with a machine in motion. A boy employed at a printing-office: severe injury to hand by being caught in a printing-machine. An apprentice employed by engineer: slight injury to finger with drilling-machine. An apprentice employed in same shop: slight cut on his hand whilst repairing a lawn-mower. A man employed at a sawmill lost three fingers of right hand, also thumb and forefinger of left hand, caused by the timber he was cutting canting and bringing his hands on to the saw. A man employed at Roslyn Mills: slightly injured by being entangled in belt of carding-machine. A man employed at railway workshops: slight cut on hand with emery wheel; his hand slipped off his work on to the wheel. Two, a man and boy, employed at a foundry: the man had his foot burned with a splash of molten metal; the boy was playing with a curving-machine and got a finger badly crushed. A man employed at a cooperage: hand cut on the shaping-machine. A boy employed at implement-works: slight injury to his hand. A man employed at railway workshops: slight injury to forefinger of right hand through a spanner which he was using slipping. A man employed at a foundry: slight injury to hand whilst using a lathe. A lad employed in same shop: slight burn on foot by molten metal.

*Greymouth (1).*—A man employed at a sawmill had collarbone broken by a piece of wood thrown off from saw striking him.

*Napier (1).*—A man employed at a sawmill was struck by piece of timber which was caught on back of saw.

*Otaki (1).*—A man employed at a sawmill at Waikanae was killed through the boiler he was stoking exploding. This fatality occurred through the water in the boiler being allowed to run too low, and points to the necessity for an amendment of the Machinery Act, to make it obligatory for a man to hold a certificate of competence before he is permitted to take charge of an engine of any form that is driven by steam.

*Queenstown (1).*—A man employed at Wakatipu Woodware Factory lost all the fingers of right hand by contact with knife of planing-machine.

*Timaru (1).*—A lad employed at the woollen mill had his arm broken. He was feeding a carding-machine, and, contrary to his instructions, interfered with the machinery.

*Wellington (14).*—A man employed at a fellmongery had his arm badly bruised with a drying-machine. A lad employed at a printing-office got his hand badly bruised with a machine which he was cleaning. A girl employed in a laundry was very seriously injured by her left hand being caught between the rollers of a steam-mangle; she has lost all the fingers. Four persons were injured at Petone Railway Workshops: an apprentice, slight injury to third finger of right hand through his hand slipping on lathe; an apprentice, slight injury to thumb of right hand through contact with vertical spindle of colter of drilling machine; a man slightly injured by his arm being crushed whilst painting the standard of a cutting-machine whilst the machine was in motion; and a man lost the small finger of right hand through his hand slipping when throwing a band-saw he was using out of gear. A man employed by the Wellington Woollen Company had the tip of a finger cut off with the band-knife (purely accidental). A boy employed at a furniture-factory had two fingers of left hand crushed between the pulley and belt of lathe which he was using. A lad employed by a plumber was severely burned by molten metal splashing on his neck and arm. A man employed at a printing-office had small bone of right hand broken through putting it in the machine whilst in motion. A boy employed at a printing-office had his hand crushed in a platen-machine he was using. A girl employed at Wellington Woollen Company's mill received slight injury to her head by falling and striking a carding-machine. A man employed in Government Printing Office suffered slight injury to thumb, caused in putting a belt on a pulley.

*Whangaroa (3).*—A man employed by Kauri Timber Company: top of a finger cut off with circular saw. Two men employed at a sawmill: one slight injury to hand through being jammed; the other suffered severe cut through falling near circular saw.

## LEGAL DECISIONS.

APRIL, 1896.

*Gisborne.*—Two cases for failing to close shops on afternoon appointed for half-holiday; penalties, 5s. and £1, with 7s. costs in each case.

*Dunedin.*—One case (three charges) for failing to grant employes the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 10s. costs.

MAY, 1896.

*Auckland.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday; penalty, 10s., with £1 10s. costs.

*Napier.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday; penalty, 1s., with 9s. costs.

*Patea.*—Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday. Both dismissed. The premises were admitted to be open, but the Magistrate held that it was not proved that they were open for trade.