

On the 27th June Vernon Aylward, miner Mossbank Mine, sustained a compound fracture of the left leg just above the ankle as a result of being struck by a piece of stone from the roof which had been loosened by a previous shot at that point.

On the 16th October W. J. Dixon, miner, Mossbank Mine, sustained a dislocated right hip as a result of being struck by a piece of coal which fell from a point adjacent to the lip of a pillar place.

On the 5th November E. Greene, miner, Kaitangata Mine, sustained a slight fracture of the third vertebra as a result of being struck by a piece of coal which fell from the roof of his working-place, which, incidentally, was only 6 ft. 6 in. in height.

DAINGEROUS OCCURENCES

Wairaki Mine.—A heating occurred in the No. 2 East Section of the No. 1 Mine on the 21st April, and also on the 5th September in an adjacent section. A heating occurred on the east side of the main dip on the 8th December. The above heated areas were promptly and satisfactorily sealed off.

Birchwood Mine.—A heating occurred in the No. 1 Pillar Section on the 1st May, and also in the No. 1 West Dip Section on the 10th August. These areas were promptly and satisfactorily sealed off.

Fernhill No. 1 Mine.—An inundation of surface flood waters occurred at this mine on the 19th May. A considerable volume of water entered the mine; however, the position was assisted by the presence of old workings which existed below the lower workings of this mine, and the condition of the mine was quickly brought back to normal.

PROSECUTIONS

On the 26th September a trucker employed at the Kaitangata Mine was prosecuted for a breach of section 98 of the Coal-mines Act, 1925. Defendant was fined 10s. and costs.

On the 21st November an underviewer at the Mossbank State Mine was prosecuted for a breach of section 145 (3) of the Coal-mines Act, 1925. Defendant was convicted and fined £7 10s. and costs