

On 14th June William Hay, road worker, Pukemiro Mine, sustained severe lacerations of the palm and fracture of the metacarpal bones, right hand, when he slipped and fell, a rake of trucks passing over his hand.

On the 27th June Ronald Makin, miner, of Wilton State Colliery, suffered a laceration of the right eye. The pick which Makin was using deflected off the side of the cut and the pick point entered the eye.

On the 6th July T. Taituha, trucker, Mangapehi State Mine, sustained a fractured rib when he slipped and fell on to the buffer of a truck.

On the 27th July A. Cameron, miner, of Mangapehi State Mine, when walking down a jig slipped and fell heavily, sustaining a fracture of the left wrist.

On the 8th August Robert Clark, miner, Glen Afton No. 1 Mine, suffered a fracture of the left leg. The accident was caused by a prop rolling off a truck on the tip-up and striking Clark on the leg.

On the 25th August D. Morwood, miner, of Wilton State Colliery, was struck by a fall of coal at the face. He suffered a fractured pelvis.

On the 31st August C. Cross, miner, of Mangapehi State Mine, suffered a fracture of the big toe, right foot. A truck ran off the rails at the face, a wheel striking Cross on the foot.

On the 21st September D. Black, trucker, of Pukemiro Colliery, suffered a fracture of the left leg when a truck was derailed at the stopblock on a jighead.

On the 26th October J. Lawrence, miner, of Mangapehi State Mine, suffered a fracture of the right wrist when he fell heavily on an incline on his way into his working-place.

On the 7th November B. Main, trucker, Tatu State Mine, sustained a fracture of the right leg when a truck was derailed at a stopblock on a jighead.

On the 5th December R. Pengelly, deputy, of Mangapehi State Mine, suffered a fracture of the right leg when he slipped and fell heavily on a rail at the mine entrance.

On the 7th December W. Martin, machineman, Wilton State Mine, suffered a fracture of the right leg when he slipped and fell on a rail crossing as he was walking out of the mine.

REPORTS REGARDING DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES IN MINES

On the 14th March firestink was discovered in the last working-place on the return side, Main West Heading Section of the Renown Mine. The heating was effectively sealed by the erection of two permanent stoppings.

On the 7th April fire was seen issuing from breaks in the strata at the surface and immediately above Brown's Section, No. 3 Mine, Rotowaro. The stoppings sealing the area underground were not affected. The outbreak was effectively controlled by closing the fissures at the surface by the use of a bulldozer.

On the 7th April a heating in the goaf, A Section, No. 3 Mine, Rotowaro, was reported. The section was sealed off.

On the 9th June an outcrop fire at the Pukemiro North Mine was found to be encroaching on working-places underground. The occurrence was controlled by the erection of three stoppings and reversal of the ventilation in the section.

On the 26th June the fire reported on the 9th June in the Pukemiro North Mine burnt through one of the seals. The outbreak was extinguished by water and the stopping repaired. A further stopping was burnt out by this fire again on the 28th June. This occurrence was controlled by the erection of a further stopping on the outbye side of the one destroyed.

On the 27th June several stoppings in the No. 1 Left Section, Pukemiro Colliery, were damaged by a fall of coal in the goaf, resulting in several places being fouled by blackdamp. The affected places were rendered idle for the day until the stoppings were repaired.

On the 6th July a heating occurred in the Rope End Section, Alison No. 1 Mine. Two stoppings were erected and the occurrence brought under control.

On the 12th July evidence of heating was noted in the No. 4 East Section, Renown Mine. Several stoppings were erected and the affected area sealed off.

On the 23rd August the bottom of a stopping was burnt out in McIntyre's Dip Section. The burning material was cooled with water and filled out and the stopping repaired.

On the 11th September two stoppings were damaged by fire at the Pukemiro Mine, one in the North Mine and one in Cauchi's Dip Section, South Mine. A new stopping was erected in the first case, while in the latter the heated material was filled out and the damaged stopping repaired.

On the 29th October a heating occurred in the goaf in C Section, Rotowaro No. 3 Mine. The affected area was effectively sealed by the erection of a number of stoppings.

On the 29th November the night-shift deputy found a burning stopping in the Middle Section, Pukemiro South Mine. The burning material was extinguished by water and stonedust and the stopping re-erected.

On the 8th December the examining deputy in B Section, Alison No. 2 Mine, reported finding the presence of firedamp in a cavity in the roof of the main heading place. As a result of this occurrence electric safety-lamps were enforced throughout the mine.