

Mr. Douglas, who had been stationed at Hamilton for some years, was transferred to Napier to take up the late Mr. Sharp's duties, and Mr. John Kydd, of the Head Office staff, was transferred and promoted to take charge at Hamilton.

Inspectors Suisted, Crawford, and Kydd each assisted in the Auckland District for some weeks, Inspector Mackenzie assisted in the Southland District for some months, and Inspector Williamson assisted in the Wanganui District for a month.

#### RETURNS.

The following are the returns in detail, numbered 1 to 21 :—

1. Number and class of boilers inspected, and fees payable thereon; the machinery inspected, and the fees payable; and the classes and numbers of engine-drivers' and electric-tram drivers' certificates issued, and the fees payable therefor.
2. Return of defects found on inspection of boilers.
3. Return of notices given to repair boilers.
4. Return of notices given to fence dangerous parts of machinery.
5. Return of accidents which were not fatal.
6. Return of accidents which proved fatal.
- 7-15. Names of persons to whom land stationary, winding, locomotive and traction engines, and electric-tram drivers' certificates of competency and service have been granted during the year.
16. List of persons who were examined and passed for marine engineers' certificates of competency.
17. Return of steamers and oil-engined vessels surveyed during the year.
18. Return of sailing-vessels surveyed during the year.
19. Return of vessels surveyed for seaworthiness, &c., during the year.
20. Return showing sums earned or received and amount spent during the financial year for inspection of machinery, examination of engineers, engine-drivers, and electric-tram drivers, and survey of steamers and sailing-vessels.
21. Return showing the names of owners of additional boilers and transfers which require to be in charge of certificated engine-drivers.

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Chief Inspector of Machinery, Chief Surveyor of Ships, and Chief Examiner  
of Marine Engineers, Land Engineers, and Engine-drivers.

The Hon. the Minister in Charge of the Inspection of Machinery Department.