

*Diamond Lignite-pit, Seaward Bush.*—Opencast pit. Two men at work.

*Orepuki Coal-mine, Orepuki.*—An opencast mine being driven on the outcrop of a lease held by the New Zealand Coal and Oil Company. Seam 12 ft.; stripping 9 ft.

*Lynwood Coal-pit, Te Anau.*—Pit worked for supply of fuel to the Government Tourist Department's steamer on Lake Te Anau.

*Southport Coal-mine, Preservation Inlet.*—Prospecting has been carried out, and a surface survey was being made.

#### Accidents.

There has been no fatal accident in or about the coal-mines of the Southern Inspection District during 1915, 1916, or 1917.

#### Serious Non-fatal Accidents.

*Kaitangata No. 2 Mine, Kaitangata.*—3rd January: Henry Hansen, 15, rope attendant; injury to foot and back; jammed between rake and runaway box; seventy-three days off work.

*Green's Coal-mine, Gore.*—13th February: John Smyth, 46, miner; injured ankle; struck by fall of coal on returning to face after shot-firing; 114 days off work.

*Bush Gully Coal-mine, Coalgate.*—23rd February: Amund Petersen, 34, banksman; lacerated finger, caught between drum and rope; 141 days off.

*Nightcaps Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—16th March: John Foster, 34, miner; injury to ribs while trucking a box of coal; seventy-five days off work.

*Mataura Lignite-mine, Mataura.*—23rd April: John Bolger, engineman; fractured forearm; sleeve caught in belt off engine-shaft; forty-eight days off work.

*Saddle Hill No. 2 Mine, Saddle Hill.*—7th May: A. Manderson, miner; contusion of back by fall of coal; fifty-one days off work.

*Whiterigg Coal-mine, Gore.*—30th June: James Strachan; rupture of blood-vessel in thigh; knocked by coal-truck; still off work.

*Nightcaps Coal-mine, Nightcaps.*—16th August: John Eunson, 49, carpenter; two finger-nails torn off; was booking rope on winch-drum; eighty-three days off work.

*Jubilee Coal-mine, Green Island.*—6th September: James Miller, 45, miner; contusion of hand and sprained finger while filling coal; sixty-four days off work.

*Freeman's Coal-mine, Abbotsford.*—24th September: A. Diehl, miner; fractured collar-bone; struck by prop, which fell while setting it; forty-three days off work.

*Jubilee Coal-mine, Green Island.*—16th October: Robert Campbell, miner; injured eye (subsequently removed), coal flying from pick; still off work.