

Accident Report

(For the Four Weeks Ending 1st December, 1952.)

Number of Accidents	34, including 9 lost time.
Frequency Rate	10.43 (previous 10.16). Target Nil.
Severity Rate	918 (previous 1448). Target Nil.

SECTIONAL ACCIDENT REPORT

	Roast.	Acid	Super	Cement	Yard	Engrs.	Coll.	Dredge
Total No. of Accidents ..	3	2	3	6	—	19	1	—
Lost Time Accidents ..	1	2	1	2	—	2	1	—

As far as possible, hearths of Roaster Furnaces should be rabbled off preparatory to shutting down for repairs or overhaul in order to avoid recurrence of accidents due to contact with hot materials.

Foremen are urged to fill in accident forms correctly, giving all relevant details.

S. BELL, Secretary,
Accident Prevention Committee.

RIGOR INDUSTRIIS

A notice appearing in Auckland factories reads:—

"The management views with alarm the increasingly large number of employees who are dying on the job and either neglecting, or refusing, to fall over. This practice must cease forthwith.

"Any employee found dead on the job and still in an upright position must be immediately dropped from the payroll.

"In future if a foreman notices that any employees have made no movement for a period of two hours it will be his duty to investigate, as it is almost impossible to distinguish between death and natural movement of some employees.

"Foremen are cautioned to be extremely careful in making this investigation. Holding a pay packet in front of the suspected corpse is considered to be the most reliable test.

"Cases, however, have been reported where the natural instinct has been so deeply ingrained, that the hand of the corpse has made a spasmodic clutch, even after rigor mortis has set in."

FISHERMAN'S LUCK

On a recent outing, members of the Fishing Club split into two groups and fished from opposite sides of a gulf. A member on one side, realising he had cast his line over the top of one of the opposite party's decided to have a little fun by jerking his line and make the other fellow believe he had a bite.

This move was highly successful and a mighty heave was the result. But in striking, the angler "hooked a snag" and was held fast. After a few more "bites," there came cries of: "He's a beauty, I can feel him fighting—he's gone under a rock!" Each succeeding "bite" resulted in a tremendous strike amid much excitement on one side of the gulf only. However, after about five minutes, the line broke and away went that "big fish," followed by language that would make a bullock driver blush. The moral of this is, that it just shows how easy it is for even experienced fishermen to be misled about "the one that got away."