

Assisted Immigrants.—Classified according to Sex and Industrial Group, 1921.

INDUSTRIAL GROUP.	SELECTED.			NOMINATED.		
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	32	..	32	65	..	65
II. Engineering, Metals, etc.	89	..	89	555	3	558
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	31	..	31	109	21	130
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, etc.	25	..	25	102	95	197
V. Books, Printing, etc.	6	..	6	31	5	36
VI. Other Manufacturing	27	..	27	79	4	83
VII. Building	30	..	39	152	..	152
VIII. Mining	13	..	13	141	..	141
IX. Rail and Tramway Services	7	..	7	80	..	80
X. Other Land Transport	10	..	10	75	3	78
XI. Shipping, Wharf Labour, etc.	5	..	5	22	..	22
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	1,424	6	1,430	1,750	19	1,769
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	6	560	572	60	1,286	1,346
XIV. General Labour and Miscellaneous	147	13	160	987	145	1,132
Dependants, Adults	50	663	722	276	1,992	2,268
„ Children under 12 years	283	407	690	1,529	1,238	2,767
TOTAL	2,203	1,655	3,858	6,013	4,811	10,824

Of the total number of immigrants, 6,447 or 43.9 per cent., were dependants, two thirds of whom were females. Exclusive of dependants, 52.3 per cent. of the males were in group XII. (Agricultural, etc.), and 85 per cent. of the females in group III. (Domestic, etc.)

SECTION XVI.—INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

1. **Scope of Investigations.**—A list of the districts from which returns of industrial accidents are received is given on page 135 of Labour Report No. 6. Limitations of space preclude its repetition in the present number.

2. **Number of Accidents Reported during Years 1917 to 1921.**—The following table shows the number of accidents which were reported in each State during the years 1917 to 1921 :—

Industrial Accidents.—Number Reported in each State during the Years 1917 to 1921.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	C'with.
No. of Fatal Accidents							
1917	39	15	24	4	18	5	105
1918	42	20	23	6	31	5	127
1919	52	22	11	8	31	8	127
1920	39	16	18	4	25	5	107
1921	42	28	86	3	28	9	194
No. of Accidents incapacitating for over 14 days							
1917	*	408	502	295	885	78	2,168†
1918	*	370	521	317	733	59	2,000†
1919	*	338	486	187	627	77	1,715†
1920	*	603	594	105	569	73	1,949†
1921	*	481	298	104	371	49	1,303†

* Owing to the repeal of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, particulars as to non-fatal mining accidents in New South Wales are not available.

† Exclusive of New South Wales.

The total number of fatal accidents for the year 1921 was 194, an increase of 81.3 per cent. over the figure for the previous year, due to a large extent to the disaster in the Mount Mulligan coal mine in Queensland, for which 75 deaths were reported in 1921. With the exception of South Australia, in which State there was one fatal accident less in 1921 than in 1920, all the States shew increases.

As regards non-fatal accidents the number exclusive of New South Wales was 33.2 per cent. less in 1921 than in 1920. All States shew considerable decreases, with the exception of South Australia, where there was only one less in 1921 than in 1920. Apart from mining, in New South Wales 755 non-fatal accidents were reported, of which 44 were reported by the Chief Inspector of Factories as having occurred in ore-dressing and smelting works.

3. Number of Accidents Reported in each Industrial Group during the Year 1921.—The following table gives similar particulars regarding accidents in various industrial groups :—

Industrial Accidents.—Number Reported in various Industrial Groups during the Year 1921.

Industrial Group.	Fatal.	Incapacitated for over 14 days.	Industrial Group.	Fatal	Incapacitated for over 14 days.
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	11	311	VII. Building and Scaffolding ..	5	18
II. Engineering, etc. ..	10	588	VIII. Mining ..	147	596*
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	8	119	IX. Lifts ..	6	10
IV. Clothing, Hats, etc. ..	..	121	X. Miscellaneous ..	2	71
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	..	91			
VI. Other Manufacturing	5	133	TOTAL ..	194	2,058*

* Exclusive of non-fatal mining accidents in New South Wales.

The largest number of accidents occurred in the mining industry, nearly 76 per cent. of the fatal accidents having occurred in that industry in 1921, the fatalities at Mount Mulligan accounting for the increase over the previous year.

4. Mining Accidents.—Sources of Information.—Information regarding mining accidents in the different States is obtained from various sources, particulars of which are given in previous reports (see No. 11, page 175).

5. Classification of Mining Accidents.—In the following tables particulars are given of mining accidents reported by the Mines Departments in each State during the year 1921, shewing the class of mining (metalliferous or coal) in which they occurred, and the causes of such accidents :—

Mining Accidents.—Classification according to Causes in each State, 1921.*

A.—Fatal Accidents.

Cause of Accident.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	C'with.
(a) METALLIFEROUS MINES.							
1. Below Ground—							
Accidents caused by Explosives ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
" " Falls of Ground ..	1	3	1	..	6	1	12
" " Falling down ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" " Shafts, etc. ..	1	..	..	1	7	1	10
Other Accidents ..	1	2	..	..	1	..	4
2. Above Ground—							
Accidents caused by Machinery in Motion ..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Other Accidents ..	..	..	..	1	3	..	4
3. Accidents in Batteries, Ore-dressing, Smelting and other Metallurgical Works, etc. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
(b) COAL MINES.							
1. Below Ground—							
Accidents caused by Mine Explosions (Fire Damp, etc.) ..	..	..	75	..	..	..	75
Accidents caused by Explosives (Dynamite, etc.) ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Accidents caused by Falls of Earth ..	13	2	1	..	1	..	17
Other Accidents ..	1	3	2	..	..	..	6
2. Above Ground—							
Accidents caused by Machinery in Motion ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Accidents ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL ..	24	10	80	2	10	3	133

* The figures relating to mining accidents do not in all cases correspond with those published by the Mines Departments of the various States, the discrepancies being due partly to the fact that accidents occurring in certain metallurgical works are not included in the figures issued by the Mines Departments, and partly to the fact that there is apparently lack of uniformity in the nature of the non-fatal accidents reported to, and by the various authorities.

B.—Non-fatal Accidents Incapacitating for over 14 Days.

Cause of Accident.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	C'with.
(a) METALLIFEROUS MINES.							
1. Below Ground—							
Accidents caused by Explosives	1	2	..	4	..	7
" " Falls of Ground	2	2	16	1	21
" " Falling Down
" " Shafts, etc.	1	24	..	13	..	13
Other Accidents	173	15	213
2. Above Ground—							
Accidents caused by Machinery in Motion	12	..	12
Other Accidents	8	..	61	21	90
3. Accidents in Batteries, Ore-dressing, Smelting and other Metallurgical Works, etc.	31	49	13	..	92
(b) COAL MINES.							
1. Below Ground—							
Accidents caused by Mine Explosions (Fire Damp, etc.)
Accidents caused by Explosives (Dynamite, etc.)	3	..	3	..	6
Accidents caused by Falls of Earth	4	8	..	14	..	26
Other Accidents	7	15	..	31	..	53
2. Above Ground—							
Accidents caused by Machinery in Motion
Other Accidents	4	..	4	..	8
TOTAL	13	97	50	344	37	541

* Not available.

† Exclusive of New South Wales.

It will be seen from the foregoing tables that in 1921, 103 of the fatal, and †93 of the non-fatal accidents occurred in connection with coal mining.

The number of accidents occurring below ground in 1921 was considerably larger than that occurring above ground, the respective figures for the year being 127 fatal and †339 non-fatal accidents below ground, and 11 fatal and †202 non-fatal accidents above ground.

6. Number of Accidents per 1000 Persons Employed in Mining.—

In the following table particulars are given for the year 1920 of the number of persons who met with accidents per 1000 persons employed. Comparative figures for 1921 are not yet available.

Number of Fatal and Non-fatal Accidents per 1000 Persons Engaged in Mining, 1920.

STATE.	FATAL ACCIDENTS.		NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS.		ALL ACCIDENTS.	
	Metal Mining.	Coal Mining.	Metal Mining.	Coal Mining.	Fatal.	Non-fatal.
New South Wales ..	0.43	0.05	*	*	0.79	*
Victoria ..	0.48	0.50	0.97	3.48	0.49	1.79
Queensland ..	1.99	0.84	59.43	4.20	1.59	40.41
South Australia ..	0.71	..	14.56	..	0.71	14.56
Western Australia ..	3.26	..	58.96	114.46	2.04	64.38
Tasmania ..	0.71	..	11.26	50.00	0.68	13.20
COMMONWEALTH ..	1.38	0.86	† 34.88	† 22.91	1.15	† 32.56

* Not available.

† Exclusive of New South Wales.