**2.11. William Baird & Company, Injury & Fatal Accident Register, Gartshore, 1945-46.**

Note: The bureaucratic and legal requirements of the Workmen’s Compensation legislation meant that employers and trade unions maintained careful and detailed compensations records relating to individual cases and to the overall compensation situation.

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| Date of Accident | Shift (day, D, Afternoon A, Night N) | Age | Ordinary Occupation | Place of Accident | Nature of Injury |

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| Period of Disablement |
| Wks | Days |

 | Cause of Accident | Compensation Amount Paid |
| Jan | 3 | A | 37 | Pan shifter | Conveyer Face | Injury to right eye | 8 |  | Hit by piece of coal | 2612 | 9  | 9 |
|  | 6 | D | 36 | Collier | Haulage Road | Injury to breast muscles | 2 |  | Whilst benching hutch, slipped and strained himself | 10 |  |  |
|  | 6 | D | 36 | Fireman | Airway | Injury to leg muscles and cut to knee | 6 | 3 | Slipped and wrenched knee and cut leg | 17 | 17 | 6 |
|  | 5 | D | 17 | Drawer | Drawing Road | Injury to muscles of right leg | 1 | 1 | Pushing hutch up incline slipped and strained leg | 1 | 3 | 4 |
|  | 8 | D | 54 | Woodman | Working Face | Injury to right thumb | 7 | 1 | While leaning on coal cutter was hit by stone from roof | 9 | 7 | 6 |
|  | 9 | A | 47 | Brusher | - | Fracture of right leg, arms and ribs | 142 | 2 | Fell from side | 350 | 5 | 10 |
|  | 14 | D | 19 | Drawer | Conveyer Face  | Injury to right hand | 2 | 1 | Coal came over from face and hit his hand while drawing | 2 | 18 | 4 |
|  | 12 | D | 39 | Faceman |  “ “ | Injury to small finger right hand | 2 | 2 | Struck finger with coal | 5 | 19 | 2 |
|  | 22 | D | 18 | Drawer |  “ “ | 2nd finger left hand | 2 | 2 | Was throwing timber into face when prop hit him | 2 | 18 | 4 |
|  | 23 | D | 15 | Bencher | Pit Bottom | 1st finger left hand | 4 | 4 | Jammed his finger between two hutches | 8 | 3 | 4 |
|  | 23 | D | 20  | Bottomer | “ “ | Fracture to 2nd finger right hand | 18 | 1 | Jammed between two full hutches | 32 | 15 | - |
|  | 27 | D | 24 | Drawer | Road Head | Injury to back | 4 |  | While drawing full hutch slipped and hurt back | 7 |  |  |
|  | 24 | D | 20 | Drawer  | Haulage Road | Injury to right shoulder | 4 |  | While benching hutch was hit by stone from roof | 5 | 516 | 108 |
|  | 25 | D | 25 | Brusher | Haulage Road | Injury to left shoulder | 4 |  | While benching hutch was struck by coal | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Feb  | 1 | A | 56 | Brusher | Conveyer Face | Injury to left elbow | 7 | 5 | While boring a hole machine slipped and elbow struck girder | 15 | 6 | 8 |
|  | 2 | A | 35 | Collier | Drawing Road | Injury to left forearm | 10 | 4 | While benching a full hutch he strained his arm | 18 | 13 | 4 |
|  | 6 | D | 21 | Engineer | Haulage Road | Injured finger right hand | 1 | 3 | Strand of wire pierced wire | 1 | 15 |  |
|  | 7 | A | 35 | Drawer | Road Head | Strained back | 7 | 5 | While benching full hutch slipped and strained shoulder and back | 710 | 4 | 2 |
|  | 10 | D | 47 | Faceman | Conveyer Face | Left shoulder | 3 |  | Strained Shoulder | 10 |  |  |
|  | 7 | D | 22 | Drawer | Conveyer Face | Injury to right forearm and finger | 3 | 5 | While gathering coal fell on hand and arm | 53 | 13 | 4 |
|  | 13 | D | 22 | Surface Labourer | Surface | Injury to Right Ankle | 8 | 2 | While re-railing loaded hutch his foot slipped beneath it | 14 | 11 | 8 |
|  | 15 | A | 37 | Faceman | Drawing road | Injury to abdominal muscles | 7 |  | While lifting full hutch he strained himself | 21 |  |  |
|  | 20 | D | 34 | Faceman | Haulage Road | Fracture to left wrist | 36 | 5 | Jammed between two full hutches | 10053 | 10 |  |
|  | 20 | D | 15 | Surface Worker | Surface | Injury to finger | 4 |  | While picking at tables, piece of coal pierced finger | 5 | 10 |  |
|  | 22 | D | 16 | Surface Worker | Surface | Injury to back | 6 | 2 | While shovelling he twisted his back | 9 | 2 | 2 |
|  | 23 | D | 26 | Drawer | Drawing Road | Injury to right hand | 3 | 4 | While lifting piece of coal onto hutch coal pierced hand | 5 | 5 |  |
|  | 19 | A | 32 | Faceman  | Haulage Road | Injury to left hip | 2 |  | Fell back on hip while getting out of way of runaway hutch | 3 | 15 |  |
|  | 18 | A | 42 | Faceman  | Conveyer face | Injury to left hand | 6 | 4 | Sylvester sprang and hit hand against steel prop | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| March | 11 | D | 17 | Surface labourer | Surface | Injury to finger | 2 | 3 | While unloading coal finger jammed against hutch | 3 | 10 |  |
| July | 24 | D | 18 | Surface Worker | Surface | Injury to thumb | 3 | 4 | While lifting cage guard it came down and jammed | 4 | 19 | 2 |
| March  | 14 | D | 22 | Shifter | Conveyer Face | Injury to finger |  | 4 | While gripping he was cut by a piece of coal | 12 | 5 |  |
| “ | 18 | A | 61 | Face Repairer | Conveyer Face | Injury to right foot | 24 | 4 | While drawing pillar stone fell from roof | 535 | 5 |  |
| “ | 20 | A | 22 | Belt-shifter | Conveyer Face | Injury to finger | 2 | 1 | While setting up support stone fell from roof | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| “ | 22 | A | 41 | Miner | Conveyer Face | Injury to finger | 21 | 4 | Stone fell from conveyer and struck finger | 2030 | 1 | 8 |
| “ | 19 | A | 62 | Brusher | Conveyer Face | Injury to left hand | 7 | 1 | Stone fell from roof and jammed hand | 1010 | 8 | 4 |
| “ | 23 | D | 48 | Haulage-man | Pit Bottom | Injury to right knee | 7 | 1 | Whilst uncoupling hutch he twisted knee | 1215 | 10 |  |
| “ | 25 | A | 34 | Belt-shifter | Conveyer Face | Injury to right hand | 6 | 4 | Hand was jammed | 75 | 10 | 10 |
| “ | 26 | A | 31 | Drawer | Drawing Road | Injury to back | 10 | 2 | While benching hutch he slipped on plate | 18 | 1 | 8 |
| “ | 29 | D | 20 | Brusher | Haulage Road | Injury to finger | 10 | 2 | While working on haulage loose wire pierced hand | 18 | 1 | 8 |
| “ | 28 | N | 29 | Drawer  | Conveyer Face | Injury to head | 4 |  | - | 8 |  |  |

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