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Months.	Deaths.	Total disability.	Permanent partial disability.	Temporary disablement.	
				Over 10 days' disablement.	Under 10 days' disablement.
January	5	33
February	2	6	30
March	7	30
April	22
May	5	34
June	1	3	26
July	3	24
August	3	20
September	1	3	29
October	25
November	2	28
December	2	4	25
Total	6	41	326

Factories and exempted establishments employ only 12 per cent. of the total work people.

(ii) Statement showing accidents or injuries to men at work in all spheres of employment on the Khodaung field for 1929, excluding factories and exempted establishments, classified according to the extent of the injury suffered.

Months.	Deaths.	Total disability.	Permanent partial disability.	Temporary disablement.	
				Over 10 days' disablement.	Under 10 days' disablement.
January . . . . .	..	..	4	24	153
February . . . . .	..	..	1	13	91
March . . . . .	..	..	4	39	97
April . . . . .	..	..	3	17	102
May	1	..	1	25	122
June . . . . .	..	..	2	17	115
July	4	..	1	16	101
August . . . . .	..	..	4	25	72
September	1	..	1	25	100
October . . . . .	..	..	3	30	96
November	1	..	2	23	91
December . . . . .	..	..	3	26	136
Total	7	..	29	280	1,276

88 per cent. of the total number of workmen are employed in unregulated establishments.

APPENDIX " B ".

Safety First precautions taken in addition to special orders issued by the Warden or Factory Inspector.

Precautions arising out of :—

1. Insistence that injured men be sent for medical treatment immediately, no matter how trivial the injury, in order to avoid the large number of cases of serious septic wounds arising out of the neglect by workmen of trivial cuts and scratches.
2. Safety belts for well-pullers
3. Orders issued in the vernaculars to all Field Electrification employees on engagement as follows ;—
 - (1) No man is to work up a service pole within a distance of 6' from live wires.
 - (2) All pole switch operation is to be done by the Operating Staff.
 - (3) If a service power line or lighting line is required to be made dead, operating staff will make same 'dead' on request in writing. They will also short circuit and earth the wires at the place where the men are to work, and then give clearance to that effect, in writing.
 - (4) When the work is completed, operating staff will again make the line alive, after receiving a clearance from lineman in-charge, in writing.

Analysis of injuries treated.

Representations by the Workers Council.
Routine orders by Fields Electrification Manager.

NOTE.—Any man found breaking any of the above rules will be liable to instant dismissal.

4. "Safety First" propaganda. Lists of "Don'ts" published in English, Burmese, and Telegu have been posted up in Machine Shop, Blacksmith Shop, Welding Shop.
Skilled men have been issued with booklets of "Don'ts".
5. Booklets of "Don'ts" issued to all Well Pullers, in Burmese and Telegu.
6. "Shops" foremen have lectured the men individually and in groups regarding safety measures, and the precautions to take to avoid accidents.
7. All Shops are carefully swept at regular intervals and all cuttings, nails, etc., removed.

On Labour Superintendent's suggestion.

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Superintending Engineer's orders.

Superintending Engineer's orders for "Safety First".

All welders have been issued with bottles of 'Eye drops' and droppers for attention to their eyes at any time, chiefly for use if eye trouble develops whilst at home.

All worn welders gloves available for use in all shops, for all classes of work, to avoid the risk of hands being cut from jagged edges or plate, etc. These are chiefly used by boilermakers, platers, men on grinding machines, etc.

Goggles ordered for men using grinding machines to prevent 'fires' in the eyes.

All welders provided with clear glass shields to prevent slag or chips entering the eyes when cleaning a weld.

All welding cables provided with 'ground' clamps to prevent shock and the men instructed in their use.
Portable wooden guards made near steam hammers to catch flying chips.

A light trestle was made for use in Machine Shop for oiling over-head shafting to cut out the use of the ladder.

A safety coupling and guard boards fitted in blower house as additional safety precautions.