

MISCELLANEOUS.

C.S.

1929.

No. 132/29.

Col. Engineer.

SUBJECT.

1929

3rd April.

MOTOR ACCIDENT IN JOHN STREET.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

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Memo from Col. Engineer. dated 3rd April. 1929.

y.g. I submit. 1 on bill

but he fully realizes that the

blame cannot be said to rest

otherwise than with the unfortunate

victim of this accident.

2. I think furthermore that

it is partly to the credit

of the Col. Engineer at of the

Subsequent Paper.

Answer of the P.G. Dept. that this

is the first accident of the

kind that has occurred.

3. Y.P. may want me to

write to the folks on Y.P.'s

behalf at the next case I submit

a draft of a letter suggested.

4. I will instruct the Chief

Comptroller to take such steps as

are practicable with the view to

preventing the recurrence of such an

accident.

JMS

4.4.29.

John C.S.

Please.

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Letter to Mr. George Hanson, 5/4/29.

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State Chief Comptroller

records 5.4.29.

JMS



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MEMO.

Departmental Number

From..... Colonial Engineer.....

Date..... 3rd April, 1929.

To..... Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Motor Accident on John Street.

Reference Numbers.

I beg to report that an unfortunate motor accident occurred on the afternoon of the 2nd. April, on John Street, and I attach the driver's report for your information. ✓

2. I have made enquiries and consider that all precautions were taken and no blame attaches to the driver. Every precaution has been taken to prevent this kind of think happening. I visited the School yard last week and saw children hanging on to a lorry. I immediately cautioned the drivers and attendants of lorries of this Department and gave instructions that no children were to be allowed on the lorries. I also understand that the school children have recently had a lecture on the possible dangers of interfering with lorries in motion.

3. It is a common practice in Stanley for children to stand in the road holding out their arms and defying the drivers of motor vehicles. Some weeks ago the sister of this unfortunate boy stood in the centre of the road holding her arms out in front of a lorry, and what might have been a serious

accident was only just avoided by S. Summers, the driver, pulling up - the child in stepping aside tripped over falling a few inches clear of the wheels. The driver reported this to the father of the child and she was chastised. Last evening, less than an hour after this accident happened, two children stood on Ross Road defying the driver of a motor vehicle.

4. Seeing that the Government lorries have been running some three years and this is the first serious accident which has occurred, I think that great credit is due to the drivers for the care they have taken.

5. I submit that improvements in this connection might be made if a constable could be told off to patrol the vicinity of the school when children are leaving.

*G. Roberts.*  
Colonial Engineer.

(1)  
Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1929

Mr G. Roberts Colonial Engineer

Report on motor accident in John Street between 4 and 4:15 pm.

I was proceeding from School Yard to Depot when a lot of School children caught hold behind the Lorry. I was travelling slow and my mate was on the footboard ordering the children off. I looked behind and saw there were no more hanging on and started to speed up. I had only gone a few yards, when I felt a bump and heard a shout at the same time, and pulling up instantly, I saw Charlie Hansen laying on the road and on going to him found that he was injured. My mate or myself did not know he was hanging on. Mr B Herriksen who saw the accident said the boy was hanging on between the rear wheel and the footboard with his legs swinging clear of the ground.

From the driving position it was impossible to see the boy.

Signed

J. Summers

Lorry Driver.

132/29.

5th April, 29.


Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to express to you His Excellency's sympathy at the unfortunate accident which has befallen your son Charles Hansen and to say that His Excellency trusts that his recovery to full health without lasting consequence will not be long delayed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. G. Hansen,  
STANLEY.

Stanly  
Tasmanian Islands

11th April 1929

To His Excellency Governor

through the Colonial Sec



Sir

Both my wife & I appreciate the  
Sympathy Extended to us re  
our sons accident

I am, Sir

George Henson