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RETURN of WRECKS on which INQUIRIES have been held under "The Inquiry into Wrecks Act," from 1st July, 1866, to the 30th June, 1867.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Ship and Age when known.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	Number of Crew.	Number of Passengers.	Nature of Cargo.	Nature of Casualty, and whether resulting in total loss or partial damage.	Number of Lives lost.	Direction and Force of Wind.		Place.	Finding of Court of Inquiry.	REMARKS.
									Direction.	Force.			
17 June, 1866	Wild Wave, 7 yrs.	Schooner	93	6	...	Ballast	Total loss, stranded	...	S. by E.	...	Cuba Channel, Chatham Islands	No blame attributable to the master.	
21 June, "	Wild Wave, 7 yrs.	Schooner	70	7	...	Ballast	Stranded	5	...	Moderate breeze	Pelorous Sound	No blame attributable to the master.	
27 April, "	Kate	Schooner	33	5	...	General	Stranded	...	...	Calm	Okarita Bar	Wreck was accidental.	
11 May, "	Matilda	Schooner	15	5	...	General	Collision	...	...	Moderate breeze	Okarita Bar	Accidental.	
20 July, "	Déesse, 10 years	Schooner	96	6	...	Coals	Stranded	...	Westerly	Gentle breeze	Farewell Spit	Error of judgment on part of master.	
4 Sept. "	Sisters	Schooner	53	...	...	Spars	Stranded	...	...	Light	Okarita	No blame attributable to master.	
18 Aug. "	William Miskin	Schooner	115	18	...	General	Stranded	...	Westerly	Light breeze	Hokitika	Error of judgment on part of pilot	Since repaired and now running.
2 Sept. "	Lioness p.s.	Schooner	60	15	...	Ballast	Stranded	...	S.W.	Light	Hokitika	Through attempting to take the bar when tide too low	Got off with little damage; now plying.
12 Sept. "	Culgoa, 7 years	Barque	723	18	...	Timber	Stranded	...	N.E.	Moderate	Hokianga	Wreck caused by accident, and want of a more efficient pilot service	Total wreck.
12 Sept. "	Excelsior, 5 years	Schooner	52	5	21	General	Total loss	...	Northerly	...	Grey River	Steam tug by which "Excelsior" was being towed not of sufficient power.	Total wreck.
12 Sept. "	Persvere p.s., 1 year	Schooner	27	7	9	...	Stranded	...	Northerly	...	Grey River	Not of sufficient power to cross bar against strong tide with vessel in tow	Little damage; since repaired.
8 July "	Bruce p.s., 2 years	Schooner	83	13	8	General	Stranded	...	...	Calm	Okarita	Through heavy sea on bar	Since repaired.
24 Oct. "	Junco, 2½ years	Barque	337	13	...	Coals	Stranded	...	North	Strong breeze	Farewell Spit	Not sufficient allowance made for strong tide known to exist	Total wreck.
21 Sept. "	Thane s.s., 8 yrs.	Schooner	118	12	...	Coals	Total wreck	...	...	Light breeze	Grey River	Sudden stoppage of engines when crossing bar; presumably the fault of engineer	Total wreck; Engineer's certificate cancelled.
3 Nov. "	Lizzie Scott, 11 years	Barque	453	13	1	Ballast	Total wreck	...	...	Various	Chatham Islands	Error of judgment; bad look out	Total wreck; master's certificate suspended.
8 Dec. "	Maggie, 3 months	Cutter	25	2	...	Timber	Stranded	...	Westerly	Light	Opotiki Bar	Want of proper signals, bar being a shifting one.	Total wreck.
20 Dec. "	Prince Consort	Schooner	35	4	...	Ballast	Stranded	...	N.N.E.	Moderate gale	Timaru	Ballast shifting; capsized.	
12 Nov. "	Tambo, 2 years	Schooner	42	4	...	Coals	Stranded	...	...	...	Hokitika	Signals not distinguishable by master of steam tug	
2 Dec. "	Despatch p.s.	Schooner	38	10	...	Ballast	Stranded	...	N.E.	...	Hokitika	In endeavouring to save the "Ballaarat," which vessel she had in tow	Since repaired.
26 Dec. "	Cambodia	Barque	811	21	...	Ballast	Stranded	...	S.S.E.	Moderate breeze	Manukau	Ignorance of port on part of master	Since repaired.
2 Nov. "	Keera s.s.	Schooner	146	...	...	...	Total wreck	...	...	Fresh breeze	Buller	Want of signal station; error of judgment on part of master	Sold and repaired, and now run by her present owners.