

REPORT ON THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Appendix P.
RETURN of WRECKS on which INQUIRIES have been held under "The Inquiry into Wrecks Act, 1863," or which have been Reported between 1st JULY, 1867, and 30th JUNE, 1868.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel; also, Age and Class when known.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	Number of Crew.	Number of Passengers.	Nature of Cargo.	Nature of Casualty.	Lives Lost.	Wind.		Place where Accident occurred.	Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Remarks.
									Direction.	Force.			
1866 May 14	General Grant ...	Ship ...	1103 '83	22	61	Wool, hides, and gold	Total wreck	73	...	Calm	West Coast of the Auckland Islands	Wreck an accident; no blame attributable to any one on board	Fifteen souls in all were saved from this ill-fated vessel, but one died on the Auckland Islands, and four, who left in a boat in search of aid, were never more heard of. The ten survivors were landed at Bluff Harbour, on Jan. 13, 1868, one year and eight months after the date of the wreck. They were very kindly treated by their rescuer, Captain Gilroy, of the brig "Amherst," who deserves some public recognition of his humane conduct. "Murray" considerably, "Hunter" slightly, damaged.
1867 April 24	Murray Huntress ...	S.S. ...	57	...	...	...	Collision	...	S.W.	Moderate	About 3 miles N. of Woodpecker Bay	Master of "Hunter" only to blame.	
May 9	Esmeralda, 12 years, AE in red	P.S. Ship ...	54 1188	23	...	Guano and cotton seed	Foundered at sea	...	S.S.E.	Fresh breeze	15 miles N.N.E. of Island of Opara	The loss of the vessel was caused by the choking of the pumps. The Court found the master guilty of great neglect in not using every endeavour to make the Port of Opara, and reprimanded him severely.	
June 23	Agnes, 7 years ...	Cutter ...	100	9	...	General ...	Total wreck	...	...	Calm	At entrance to Tūranganui Harbour	Wind failing, tide set vessel on rocks.	
July 18	Harriet, 17 years	Brigantine	100	9	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	W.	Fresh	Grey Bar	Wreck caused by cable parting; no want of seamanship.	
" 22	Frederick, 21 years	Barque ...	170	10	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	N.W.	Fresh breeze	Hokitika Bar	The vessel was drawing too much water for the Port.	
" 22	Gratitudo ...	Brigantine	89	7	...	Ditto	Ditto	...	N.W.	Fresh breeze	Hokitika Bar	Wreck caused by towline slipping.	
" 31	Vistula, 10 years	Ditto ...	133	7	...	Timber ...	Ditto	...	S.S.E.	Fresh gale	Oamaru Beach	Negligence, and perhaps drunkenness, of master.	
Aug. 1	Edward Christopher	Ketch ...	23	3	...	Wire fencing and flour	Ditto	...	S.E.	Gale	Stoney Bay, Banks Peninsula	No inquiry held.	
" 1	Vixen ...	Schooner	17	...	...	Ditto	Ditto	2	S.E.	Gale	Ninety-Mile Beach	Cable parted; no blame attaches to master	Master and ones and drowned. Number of crew and nature of cargo not reported.
" 2	Cordelia ...	Cutter ...	21	...	...	Probably wheat	Ditto	At least 3	S.E.	Gale	Near Baring Head	No inquiry held, as no one was saved ...	Three bodies afterwards washed on shore. Number of souls on board not known.
" 11	Nautilus, 1½ years	Schooner	29	3	2	Ballast ...	Ditto	...	S.W.	Heavy squall	Whale Island	No blame attaches to the master or any one.	
" 14	Banshee, 2 years	Ditto ...	70	8	...	Not stated	Ditto	...	N.E.	Gale	Oamaru Beach	Cable parted; no blame attaches to any one	Wreck sold.