

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department, &c.—*continued.*

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel; also, Age and Class.	Rig.	Register	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives Lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
Aug. 14	Rowena, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	74	11	10	Sheep ...	Stranded; partial loss	...	North Spit of Waitara River	S.W	Light air	Heavy sea caused the vessel to strike on the bar	Frank Amodeo.
" 14	Forest Queen, 8 years	Ketch ...	51	4	...	Grass-seed	Stranded; partial loss	...	North Spit of Waitara River	...	...	cut the tow-line, which caused the "Forest Queen" to go ashore	Frederick Renner.
" 26	Annie Melhuish, 31 years	Barque ...	344	...	...	Coal ...	Loss of life	1	Lat. 38° 5' S., long. 165° 57' E.	...	...	Man lost overboard	Thomas Kay.
" 26	Southern Queen, 19 years	Schooner	19	2	...	Limestone	Stranded; total loss	2	On reef near the anchorage on northern side of Anuri Bluff	N.W	Storm	Cable parted and storm drove the vessel on to the reef	William Shephard.
" 31	Hinemoa, s.s., 4 years	"	282	...	...	...	Collision; slight damage	...	Off Cape Horn, Manukau Harbour	...	...	The conduct of the captains of both vessels contributed to the collision. It would have been more advisable for the captain of the "Hinemoa" not to have attempted to pass the "Taiaroa" while rounding the point. The captain of the "Taiaroa," although technically on his right course, might have avoided the collision by steadying his helm sooner. It is probable that an eddy caught the "Taiaroa's" port bow and caused her to come round more quickly than she should have done. The case does not call for the cancellation or suspension of either of the masters' certificates, there being no evidence of carelessness, negligence, or recklessness	John Fairchild.
"	Taiaroa, s.s., 5 years	"	228	...	...	General...	Collision; no damage	...	...	...	...	...	James Malcolm.
"	Stafia, 6 years ...	Cutter ...	11	...	...	...	Stranded; total loss	...	On outer reef, Tonga Harbour	...	...	...	...
Sept. 1	Kauri, 9 months	Schooner	47	3	...	Timber ...	Stranded; total loss	...	Alia Alia Rock, north-west side of island of Waiheke	E.	...	Vessel having sprung a leak, master pushed on in order to beach her, but, owing to the thickness of the weather, he accidentally ran ashore	George Tupp.
" 3	Clara Hargrave, 24 years	Barque ...	338	10	...	"	Stranded; slight damage	...	Middle bank, Kaipara Harbour	...	...	...	John James.
" 7	Rangitira, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	196	22	8	General...	Stranded; total loss	...	On a rock about midway between Waitara and New Plymouth	...	Light	Master reprimanded for not having a better look-out kept. Chief officer, Thomas Swede, guilty of gross carelessness, amounting almost to incompetency; his certificate suspended for six months	Edward Harvey.
" 8	Alma, 26 years...	"	163	8	...	Coal ...	Stranded; partial loss	...	On the bar of the Grey River	S.W	Moderate breeze	Casualty caused through tow-line slipping while vessel being towed out	James Walters.
" 28	Annie Wilson, 1 year	"	150	7	...	Ballast ...	Stranded; slight damage	...	On the bar of the Hokitika River	S.	Light	Vessel washed on beach through tug not being powerful enough to tow her through the breakers, owing to the sudden rising of the sea	Ole Helgeson.