

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel; also, Age and Class.	Reg. Rig.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives Lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Crew	Passen- gers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
Feb. 13	Charles Edward, p.s., 17 years	Schooner	126	18	General...	Stranded; partial loss	...	Two miles south of the Steeples, off Cape Foulwind	Calm	...	Error in judgment on the part of the master in not keeping farther out	Thomas well.
" 21	Clematis, 16 yrs.	Brig ...	249	10	Timber ...	Stranded; total loss	...	On a rock off Long Look-out Point, Banks Peninsula	S.W.	Moderate breeze	Error in judgment on part of master in keeping too close to land. Master ordered to pay costs of inquiry	Henry Bowden
" 22	Albion, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	591	39	General...	Collision; slight damage	...	Off Port Charles, north- east coast of North Island, N.Z.	S.E.	Fresh ...	Smoke of steamer rendered the schooner in- visible. Master of schooner should have gone about as soon as his vessel was enveloped in the steamer's smoke. Had the schooner's helm been put hard down immediately on the steamer's light being seen, the collision would not have been so serious	Francis George Garrard.
" 23	Isabella Pratt, 6 years	Schooner	71	6	Ballast ...	Collision; total loss	...	...	...	...	Man knocked overboard by mainsail	William Cross.
" 27	Alert, 7 years ...	Schooner	45	13	Ballast ...	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 50° 45' S., long. 166° 20'	N.W.	...	Collision caused through negligence or want of caution on the part of both vessels. The look- out on board the "Lyttelton" was insufficient; and the schooner's light was not hoisted where it could best be seen. Costs of inquiry to be divided	Charles Ratfray.
" 27	Lyttelton, p.s., 3 years	Cutter ...	39	7	Ballast ...	Collision; slight damage	...	In Lyttelton Harbour	S.W.	Gentle breeze		John William Clark.
Mar. 3	Aspasia, 15 yrs.	Schooner	45	5	Produce and timber	...	...	...	...	...	The mate, Thomas Eckford, committed a breach of discipline by leaving the vessel in charge of a seaman instead of the proper officer. His certificate suspended for six months	Michael Moore.
" 3	Molaka, s.s., 3 years	Ketch ...	20	6	Iron-wire and sulphur	Stranded; partial loss	...	300 yards south of the Wairau River-mouth	...	...		John Symons.
" 11	Waitara, 18 yrs., AA 1	Ship ...	833	26	Wool and general	Stranded; slight damage	...	On the Triangle Rocks, at entrance to Bluff Harbour	W.N.W.	...	Casualty caused through pilot starting with a strong ebb tide, and the wind falling light and baffling. Pilot does not appear to have com- mitted error of judgment, but to have weakly yielded to the fear of public criticism if he had declined to take the ship out in conse- quence of the improper state of the tide	Thomas Edward Cowell.
" 25	Penguin, s.s., 16 years	Schooner	442	...	General	Stranded; slight damage	...	Near entrance to Boat Cove, Queen Charlotte Sound	...	...	Stranding caused through error in judgment on part of chief officer, Thomas Popham, in alter- ing the course of the vessel. He believed the entrance to Tory Channel was ahead, whereas it was Boat Cove. Captain Malcolm censured for leaving the bridge before the vessel was clear of narrow waters.	James Malcolm.