

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department, from the 1st April, 1881, to the 31st March, 1882.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Registered Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1880.												
Dec. — 1881.	Hætië, 17 years	Fore-&-aft schooner	16	2	...	Ballast ...	Stranded; total loss	Schooner Bay, Great Barrier Island	...	...	Vessel driven on to rocks while getting under way	...
Mar. 22	Janus ...	Barque ...	276	32	...	Wale oil	Stranded; total loss	Off Awanui Heads, North Island	N.E.	Gentle breeze	The wreck occurred through the master mistaking Awanui Port for Mongonui	William D. Gifford.
April 2	Clara ...	Cutter ...	10	...	...	...	Loss of life only	Off Petane, Napier ...	...	...	Man knocked overboard by windlass when getting up anchor	Daniel Fernoy.
" 11	Anne Milbank, p.s., 5½ years	Schooner	44	6	2	General	Stranded; partial loss	Harnett's Landing, near Morey's Bay, Whangarei Harbour	E.	Light ...	Master did not use the lead or a pole when steaming in a narrow channel and approaching shallow water	William Aubrey.
" 12	Advance, 6 years	"	59	4	...	Coal ...	Stranded; partial loss	On the bar of the Grey River	...	Light ...	Tow-rope slipped and vessel went ashore	John William Nicholson.
" 14	Wild Wave, 27 years	Brig ...	173	8	...	Timber, sawn and dressed	Stranded; partial loss	North Spit, Kaipara Heads	...	Calm ...	Wind fell, and strong ebb-tide set vessel into broken water	Michael V. Hurley.
" 29	Tararua, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	563	40	110 about	General...	Stranded; total loss	On the reef off Waipapa Point, Foveaux Strait	W.	Light ...	The wreck was caused, primarily, through the captain neglecting to ascertain his position when he changed his course from W.S.W. to W., and, immediately, through neglect on the part of the look-out; and the loss of life was caused by the improper use of the boats	Francis George Garrard.
" —	Piako, s.s., 3½ years	Lug-sail	8	4	...	...	Foundered; partial loss	At Tauranga	...	...	Vessel touched on her anchor, which knocked a hole in her bottom. She sank, but was subsequently raised and repaired	...
May 1	Amaranth, 9 years	Schooner	51	3	...	Coal ...	Stranded; total loss	About five miles north of Timaru flagstaff	S.S.E.	Strong gale	Vessel fouled schooner "Circe," and then went ashore	Colin Campbell.
" 7	Sir Donald, s.s., 6 years	Ketch ...	29	5	...	General...	Collision; partial loss	Between the eastern and western boulder banks, Napier Inner Harbour	W.	...	Master of "Boojum" ought to have informed himself that fairway was clear before starting, and also to have used a check-rope when leaving the cattle wharf, in accordance with the Harbour Regulations; if he had done this, he might, when he saw the "Sir Donald," have held on in the eddy until she had passed. If the master of the "Boojum" had starboarded his helm and gone up the stream, he might have avoided the collision altogether. Seaman C. Miller is to blame for not reporting to the master that the "Sir Donald" was coming in.	John Quinlan.
" 7	Boojum, s.s., 1 year	Cutter ...	19	...	...	"	Collision; partial loss	Off Portland Island ...	...	Gale ...	Man washed overboard	Alfred Dowell.
" 14	Venus, 4 years...	Ketch ...	38	...	...	Timber ...	Loss of life only	On bank by Patea Breakwater	...	Moderate breeze	Vessel was being towed in by the s.s. "Patea," when tow-rope parted and she went ashore	James Ruxton.
" 18	Spray, 17 years	Schooner	50	5	...	Railway iron	Stranded; partial loss	Off East Cape Island, North Island of New Zealand	W.	Moderate breeze	Sudden jerk of boom knocked a man overboard	Peter Webb Pullman.
" 21	Fanny Thornton, 4 years	Ketch ...	80	7	...	Potatoes	Loss of life only					