

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department, from the 1st April, 1883, to the 31st March, 1884.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, 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.			Dirac-tion.	Force.		
1883. Nov. 4	Malay, 21 years	Barque..	328	9	..	Coal	Starboard bulwarks and stanchions carried away, and plank started below deck-line Stranded; partial loss	..	Brothers Light, S. about twenty miles, Cook Strait	S.	Gale ..	Vessel struck by heavy sea while lying-to in a furious gale	Ferdinand Holm.
6	Douglas, s.s., 2 years	Ketch ..	60	10	1	General	..	..	Off the Airedale (or Tani-wha) Reef	E.S.E.	Light ..	Casualty caused by master steering for light which was not the Waitara light. He was close inshore before he discovered his mistake, and then, in putting vessel's head to S.W., he did not alter his course sufficiently to clear the reef. Master ordered to pay costs of inquiry	Charles Bonner.
11	Pleiades ..	Ship ..	997	..	..	..	Loss of life only	3	Entrance to inner harbour, Napier	N.E.	Moderate	While ship's boat crossing the bar a blind roller broke and capsized her, and three of the crew were drowned	William Setten.
16	Mahinapua, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	275	24	3	Coal	Stranded; slight damage	..	Reef off Jackson's Head, Cook Strait	N.W.	Gentle ..	Vessel was suddenly enveloped in smoke of tide, which drove vessel towards rock, against which she grazed, without doing herself any damage beyond a slight indentation on port side amidships	John Bernech.
18	Annie, 5 years	Ketch ..	42	4	..	Ballast..	Damage to bulwarks, &c.	..	Alongside wharf at Greymouth	W.	Fresh ..	Schooner "Mary Wadley," in being towed from wharf, swung round and fouled the "Annie," causing the damage	Thomas Edward McIntosh.
19	Oreti, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	117	16	2	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Inside mouth of Hokitika River	S.W.	Fresh ..	Casualty caused by vessel not answering her helm quickly, owing to the tide catching her bow	William Robertson.
21	India, 30 years	Barque..	203	10	..	Sawn timber	Stranded; total loss	..	Martin's Bay, Hokianga River	W.N.W.	Moderate breeze	Vessel drifted ashore in broad daylight, after having swung and fouled her anchor. Master guilty of gross carelessness, and his certificate suspended for six months	Kenneth McKenzie.
23	Takapuna, s.s., 1 year, A1 100	Schooner	370	52	18	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Little to southward of Cape Egmont Light-house	..	Calm ..	Vessel brought into foul ground through want of experience of second mate. Master neglected to take proper precautions for steering safe course, and was absent from deck when rounding Cape Egmont, leaving safety of vessel to judgment of young officer unacquainted with coast. Log-books and other official records of ship, and absence of night order book, show great general carelessness	Frederick Jones.