

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department, from the 1st April, 1884, to the 31st March, 1885.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Reg.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives Lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
			Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1883.												
Dec. (arrived at Lyttelton).	Oamaru, 10 years	Ship ..	1306	36	General	Loss of sails and part of bulwarks	..	Indian Ocean	..	Heavy gale	While running down her easting on voyage from London to Lyttelton, met with heavy gale, which carried away part of her bulwarks, killed some live-stock on deck, and injured two of her boats. Some sails were also blown away	H. P. Wright.
1884.												
April 4	Coromandel, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	68	9	General	Collision; slight damage	..	Near Brown's Island, Hauraki Gulf	N.E.	Light ..	Master of "Coromandel" in default in leaving the deck, the wheel being in charge of incompetent person. Court suspended his certificate for four months, and ordered him to pay the costs of inquiry	Thomas Scott.
"	Norah, 6 months	Schooner	50	4	Timber, logs	Ditto ..	..	Waitara Bar..	N.E.	Gale ..	Stranding caused through insufficient water on bar	S. L. Bolt.
"	Hauraki, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	59	11	Ballast..	Stranded; partl. loss	..	North Spit, Buller River	N.W.	Gentle breeze	Insufficient water on bar for vessel ..	Edward Harvey.
"	Orawaitei, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	283	17	Coal ..	Stranded; partl. loss	..	Catlin's River Bar ..	S.W.	Light ..	Casualty caused through wind falling when crossing bar	John Campbell.
"	Catlin, 9 years	Ketch ..	46	4	General	Stranded; partl. loss	..	Reef about 28 miles off Cape Upstart, east coast of Australia	S.E. to E.	Gentle breeze	Vessel struck on coral reef when entering Flinder's Passage	William Hanning.
"	Lanarkshire, 11 years	Ship ..	794	17	Ballast..	Stranded; slight damage	..	North Spit, Mokau River	S.W.	Light	Master probably drank more intoxicating liquor than a master should at sea; but proximate cause of casualty was wrong placing of beacon-fires on shore	Alex. Livingstone.
"	Irishman, s.s., 17 years	Cutter ..	14	3	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	Between Port Charles and Waikawau	S.W.	Variable	Master of "Rowena" in default in going below and leaving incompetent man in charge. Court suspended his certificate for two months, and ordered him to pay costs of inquiry	Eugene McCarthy.
"	Rowena, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	74	5	General	Collision; slight damage	..	Lat. 36° 20' S., long. 160° 20' E.	N.E.	Half a gale	Master probably drank more intoxicating liquor than a master should at sea; but proximate cause of casualty was wrong placing of beacon-fires on shore	William Norris.
"	Kauri ..	Schooner	90	4	Timber, logs	Ditto ..	1	Entrance to Grey River	..	Calm ..	An A.B., George Wilmott, while engaged aloft, fell overboard and was lost	James McDermod.
"	Lapwing, 7½ years	Brigantine	243	8	Coal ..	Loss of life only	..	¼ mile West of Turanganui River, Poverty Bay	S.S.W.	Squally	Vessel struck on shingle-bank, which had formed in the interval between two tides	Theodore Thos. Watts.
"	Oreti, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	117	16	Coal ..	Stranded; partl. loss	..	Bowler's Reef, Cape Campbell	S.E.	Light ..	Chain parted, and vessel dragged second anchor, which was let go, and went ashore	William Robertson.
"	Rio Grande, 17 years	Brig ..	200	8	Coal ..	Stranded; total loss	..	Bar at entrance to Otago Harbour	N.N.E.	Gale ..	Master held responsible for loss of vessel, as he took the vessel much nearer the shore than was prudent or justified by the sailing directions. Court suspended his certificate for three months, and ordered him to pay costs of inquiry	William Macquaker.
May 2	Kangaroo, s.s., 21 years	Schooner	185	14	Coal ..	Stranded and foundered; total loss	..	Blind Bay, Nelson	N.N.W.	Hard ..	Master misunderstood signals	Joseph Dyball.
"	Latona, 18 years, A1	Barque..	282	9	Wheat ..	Stranded; partl. loss	..					John Jeffery.
"	Prospect, 15 years	Ketch ..	21	2	Coal ..	Stranded; total loss	..				Vessel missed stays and drifted on to rocks ..	Henry Brown.