

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Dirrec-tion.	Force.		
1884. Aug. 16	Ringarooma, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	623	46	15	General	Stranded; partl. loss	South Head, Akaroa Harbour	N.W.	Light ..	Vessel was on her way from Dunedin to Lyttelton, steering the ordinary course, when she struck on a rock in a dense fog. Before casualty speed was reduced from eleven to eight and then to four knots an hour. When fog was so dense, master should have directed his course more to the eastward and made more frequent use of the lead. Accident is probably to be attributed to the presence of a possibly imperceptible but still very strong current. After the vessel struck, extreme order prevailed, and the boats were handled and manned, and the safety of the passengers provided for. Ship was being worked into the harbour, when she grounded on a shoal through master not making sufficient allowance for the state of the tide	James Tozer.
"	23 Genevieve M. Tucker, 14 years	Barque..	519	13	10	Coal	Stranded; no damage	Half a mile S. of Ward Island, Wellington Harbour	N.W.	Light ..	No blame attaches to master or crew. The vessel being run too far to leeward was caused by the misdirection of the semaphore arm, which was made to point in a wrong direction, an accident which arose from the insufficiency of the pilot staff at the New River	W. Dow Wood.
"	24 Augusta, 13 years	Brig'ntine	138	7	..	Coal	Stranded; total loss	Point Island, entrance to New River, Invercargill	W.N.W.	Moderate	Current running out of river slowed vessel to northward	Robert Murdoch.
"	29 Douglas, s.s., 2 years	Ketch ..	60	9	1	General	Stranded: slight damage	North Spit, Waitara River	W.S.W.	Strong breeze	Casualty caused by striking when crossing the bar	Walter Francis Norbury.
"	30 Jane Douglas, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	75	12	8	Ballast..	Stranded; rud'r-post broken	Bar of Manawatu River	N.W.	Moderate	Loss of ship attributable to error in judgment on part of master in that, after ascertaining his position off Kapiti, he put her on star-board tack, and left her to drift, on chance of picking up the Brothers light, instead of running through Cook Strait. When upon the starboard tack, she went much farther to the westward than he allowed for, and entered Gore Bay, where she was embayed, and, striking on the rocky beach, became a total wreck. Master was lost in vessel	James W. G. Fraser.
Sept. 1	Lastingham, s.s., 7 years	Ship ..	1143	26	6	General	Stranded; total loss	One mile from Jackson's Head, Port Gore, Cook Strait	N.W.	Gale ..	Vessel filled through plug coming out, and capsized	Alexander Morrison.
"	27 Nora, 11 months	Schooner	50	3	..	Timber, logs	Capsized; partl. loss	Abreast of Waikawanu, near Kennedy's Bay, Auckland, about 3 miles off shore	N.W.	Moderate		George Roff.