

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department, from the 1st April, 1887, to the 31st March, 1888.

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.		
1887. Jan. 21	Jessie Niccol, 15 years	Schooner	93	7	Timber & bricks	Sprung a leak; partial loss	..	On voyage from Tairua, Auckland, to Suva, Fiji	..	..	Vessel sprung a leak, and put back to Auckland for repairs	George Henry Short.
April 18	Omapere, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	352	23	Coal	Explosion; loss of 6 hatches only	..	Forty miles N.E. of Oamaru	N.	Light ..	Gas exploded in hold, which contained coal, and broke hatches	Richard Edward Smith.
" 20	Rosannah, 7 years	Cutter ..	10	2	Oysters..	Stranded; total loss	..	N.E. head of Ruapuke Island	W.	..	Vessel sprang a leak, and had to be beached..	John Carnegie.
" 23	Waiaki, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	228	25	Lime, 10 tons	Stranded; total loss	..	Wakauni, Black Head, near Cape Palliser	S.S.E.	Fresh breeze	Wreck caused by undue confidence in log, and steaming at full speed in thick weather. Master blameable for not taking steps to verify his position, and culpable for keeping up full speed in thick weather, particularly when he altered course to W. by S. His certificate was suspended for six months, and he was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry	Thomas John Pennal.
May 3	Reward, 13 years	Schooner	60	5	Wheat & potatoes	Stranded; total loss	3	Waipapa, south end of Mahia Peninsula	S.W.	..	Vessel wrecked through standing in too close to land in thick weather	William Andrews.
" 8	Lalla Rookh, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	44	6	Grass seed	Stranded; total loss	..	Schooner Bay, Great Barrier Island	N.E.	Squally	Vessel sprung a leak, which could not be kept under, as pumps became choked. She had to be abandoned, and drifted on to the rocks on the beach	John Cleverley.
" 9	Julia Pryce, 15½ years	Schooner	41	6	Fruit and lime juice	Stranded; partial loss	..	A mile south of Mangawai River	E.	Gale ..	Vessel became unmanageable, owing to headsails being blown away, and master then deemed it advisable to run her on shore.	Alfred Clarke.
" 9	Frithjof, 1½ years	Ketch ..	17	3	Firewood	Stranded; partial loss	..	Kennedy Bay	E.S.E.	Gale ..	Vessel went ashore through stress of weather	Abraham Brondlund.
" 11	Boojum, s.s., 7 years	Cutter ..	19	2	Ballast..	Capsized; total loss	4	About half a mile from Petane Beach, and 5 miles from Napier	N.E.	Heavy gale	Vessel went out to render assistance to ship "Northumberland," which was being driven ashore, and while steaming round her a heavy sea struck the "Boojum" and capsized her	John Setter.
" 11	Northumberland, 16 years, Al Lloyds	Ship ..	2095	45	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Petane Beach, about 5 miles from Napier	N.E.	Heavy gale	No blame attached to master, officers, and crew, or to Harbourmaster and Pilot	Richard Todd.
" 17	Onward, 20 yrs.	Schooner	69	5	Coal	Stranded; total loss	..	Bar of Western Channel, mouth of Turanganui River, Poverty Bay	..	Calm ..	Casualty caused through insufficient depth of water on bar	Patrick McConville.
" 18	Gairloch, s.s., 3 yrs., Al Lloyds	Schooner	211	18	Cattle, sheep, & general	Stranded; partial loss	..	Bar of Waitara River..	..	Calm ..	Vessel touched ground and lost propeller through breaking of port shaft	Findlay McArthur.
" 20 (supposed)	Sir Donald, s.s., 13 years	Ketch ..	29	6	Timber & station stores	Supposed stranded; total loss	Supposed 6 (all hands)	Rocks off Tuahine Point, Poverty Bay	S.E.	Gale ..	Vessel is supposed to have been blown up North and wrecked on Tuahine rocks	John Quinlan.