

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department—*continued*.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	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.		
1898. March 16	Pleione, 12 yrs.	Ship ..	25	6	General	Stranded; total loss	1	On beach about 2 miles north of Kapiti Island, Cook Strait	N.W.	Fresh breeze	Master committed an error of judgment in relying on his chronometer when he knew it differed from the mate's. He should have taken soundings to verify his position, and if not satisfied with the soundings he should have waited till daylight. He was ordered to pay the costs of inquiry	Andrew Culbert.
"	25 Ruapehu, s.s., 4 years	Barque..	117	118	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Nine miles west of Farewell Spit Lighthouse	..	Calm ..	Vessel grounded off Farewell Spit, but came off without having sustained any damage	Herbert Edward Greenstreet.
"	25 Ocean Bird, 15 years	Ketch ..	3	..	Sawn timber	Stranded; slight damage	..	About midway between Sandy Point and Mokoro Jetty, New River Estuary	W.	Strong breeze	Heavy sea, bad holding-ground, and loss of anchor caused vessel to go ashore	Wm. Cameron.
"	28 Staffa, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	8	15	Timber & general produce	Loss of life only	1	About 15 miles off Kaipara Heads, on voyage from Hokianga to Manukau	S.W.	Gale ..	A heavy squall caused vessel to lurch over, and a passenger, Malcolm McLellan, was washed overboard and lost	John Robertson.
"	28 Gleaner, 18 yrs.	Brigantine	7	..	Produce	Deck swept by heavy sea; partial loss	1	Off Cape Kidnappers, on voyage from Oamaru to Auckland	S.S.E.	Gale ..	A heavy sea broke on board, causing considerable damage, and washing both master and mate overboard. The master, having a line round him, was saved, but the mate was not seen again	Edward Ryffel.
"	28 Bayley, s.s., 2 years	Schooner	48	..	Produce	Deck swept by heavy sea; loss of boat, davits, &c.	..	Off Castlepoint, on voyage from Napier to Wellington	S.E.	Storm ..	A heavy sea broke on board, smashing boats, carrying away one of them with its davits, and a ladder, twisting rails of bridge, and causing other small damages. Hull of ship uninjured	A. Childs.