

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passen- gers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Dirac- tion.	Force.		
1890. Mar. 8	Tongariro, s.s.	Barque..	2657	..	..	General	Loss of life only	1	On voyage from London to Wellington, Ushant light bearing S. by E. distant 23 miles Off coast north-west of South Island	..	Fresh ..	A saloon - passenger, General Sir Howard Elphinstone, fell overboard at 9.25 p.m. and was drowned	John Bone.
"	Wareatea, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	288	26	6	Coal ..	Explosion of coal-gas; no damage	..		..	Calm ..	Explosion of coal-gas on board	George Lambert.
"	Waitoa, s.s., 7½ years	Cutter ..	27	4	..	..	Collision; partial loss	}	Auckland Harbour	..	..	Master of "Waitoa" should have seen "Birkenhead" before he admits he did; and if after the time when he says he saw her he had kept up his speed instead of cutting off steam he would have gone clear, and acting as he did he was guilty of an error of judgment. Master of "Birkenhead" was justified in assuming that "Waitoa" would go astern of him, but when he saw her shut off steam he should have reversed his engines instead of going slow. Master of "Waitoa" ordered to pay costs of inquiry	John Carrick Hewson. Benjamin Poole.
"	Birkenhead, 5½ years	..	55	3	..	..	Collision; slight damage						
"	Emilie, 15 years (Nicaraguan vessel)	Barque..	729	12	..	Sawn timber	Water - logged, dismasted, and stranded; total loss	8	About 20 miles west of Puysegur Point	N.W.	Fresh gale	Vessel left Bluff for Port Pirie, South Australia, with cargo of timber, and when about 20 miles westward of Puysegur Point she was caught in a sudden gale and became water-logged. Vessel appears to have been moderately old, but otherwise seaworthy, and was probably burst open owing to lower part of timber being improperly stowed. After becoming water-logged she fell over on broad-side, when masts fell overboard, and master, second mate, and six men were drowned. Hull righted, and afterwards drifted on to Stewart Island	George L. Small.