

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.		
1897. July 11	Mawhera, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	28	20	General	Fire on board; slight damage	..	18 miles from Westport	..	..	Fire discovered in afterhold at 10 p.m., supposed to have been caused by ignition of matches found in passengers' luggage	Lionel Worrall.
" 12	Wainui, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	30	36	Coal and general	Stranded; partial loss	..	Piege Rocks, Current Basin, French Pass	N.E.	Moderate, with rain squalls	Casualty was the result either of error in observing bearings or in calculating distance ship had run from Cape Soucis, or to strong current setting ship to N.W. when crossing entrance to Croiselles. Master in no way to blame	George Lambert.
" 21	Ocean Ranger, 30 years	Schooner	8	..	Timber..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Bar of Grey River	..	..	While vessel was in tow of tug crossing bar a heavy roller struck her, causing the vessel to strike and unshipping rudder	Douglas Hanning
" 22	Huia, 8 years	Schooner	8	..	Timber..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Tory Shoal, entrance to Kaipara Harbour	W.	Moderate breeze	Master, trusting to his own knowledge of locality, approached the shoal too close, and vessel took the ground in stays	George McKenzie.
" 24	Maud Graham, 21 years	Schooner	5	..	Produce	Struck by heavy seas; partial loss	1	Off Portland Island, on voyage from Lyttelton to Auckland	S.W.	Strong gale	Vessel, while running before the wind, was pooped by heavy sea, which washed master overboard, smashed the boats, and flooded the decks, placing vessel in great danger. Nothing could be done to save the master, as it took the crew all their time to save the vessel	Hans Kruhl.
" 27	Gratitude, 9 years	Ketch ..	7	..	Timber..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Bar of New River	S.W.	Strong breeze	Not sufficient water on bar	Neil McDonald.
" 29	Tasmania, s.s., 5 years, 100 A1	Schooner	42	69	General	Stranded; total loss	13	Rock, off Table Cape, Mahia Peninsula	S.E.	Strong breeze	Vessel wrecked through careless and negligent navigation by Thomas McGee, master, and Percival McGrath, third officer. The certificates of each were suspended for six months, and the master was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry, not to exceed £100	Thomas McGee.
Aug. 3	Aotea, 3 years	Schooner	7	1	General	Fire on board; partial loss	..	Tokomaru, near Poverty Bay	..	..	Fire broke out in engine room, where some tins of oil were kept—vessel being fitted with auxiliary oil-engines. Cause not ascertained.	John Henry Skinner.
" 13	Monowai, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	75	70	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	Channel entering Bluff Harbour	N.W.	..	Vessel knocked a hole in her bottom through touching an unknown rock when entering the Harbour	William Christie Sinclair
" 20	Yolande, 14 years	Barquentine	10	..	Timber..	Stranded; total loss	..	Bar of Buller River, Westport	Cal	Cal	Vessel was being towed into the Buller River by the tug "Mana." Wreck was caused by a sudden and almost unprecedented roll of the sea towards the bar from the W.N.W., which roll took charge of the two vessels completely whilst on the outer bar, causing the hawser to part and leaving the "Yolande" at the mercy of the sea	Murdoch McDonald aid 28655.