

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.
				Passengers.	Crew.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1899. May 25	Aparima, 14 years	Schooner	22	3	..	Mutton-birds and firewood	Foundered; total loss	..	Colac Bay, Foveaux Strait	E.S.E.	Gale ..	Heavy seas breaking on board must have carried away, filling the vessel and sinking her.	Joseph Cross.
June 1	Hercules, 4 years	Schooner	51	5	3	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Inside Okuru Bar, West Coast, South Island	..	Calm ..	Master mistook signals on beacon for signal to take the bar	John Skilton.
" 28	Tavuni, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	910	40	..	General	Collision; partial loss	..	About two or three miles north of Rangitoto Island, entrance to Auckland Harbour	E.N.E.	Strong breeze	Vessels came into collision on a dirty, dark night. No look-out appears to have been kept on "Rover"	{ Donald McLean Joseph Rodrick.
" 28	Rover, 6 years	Schooner	68	4	..	Ballast..	Collision; partial loss	..	About three miles S.E. of Dog Island, Foveaux Strait	N.W.	Light ..	If master of "Te Waipounamu" had slackened up his dredge-lines and taken them right aft his vessel would probably have swung round and avoided collision	{ Charles Bradshaw Chas Goomes.
July 10	Te Waipounamu, 4 years	Ketch ..	27	3	..	Oysters..	Collision; no damage	..	N.E. of entrance to Moku River	S.E.	Very light	Casualty caused through failure of oil-engines to work at a critical moment	Nells Albert Bertelsen.
" 10	Hananui, 16 years	Cutter ..	22	3	..	Oysters..	Collision; slight damage	..	Lat. 48° 19' S., long. 157° 53' E., on voyage from Liverpool to Wellington	S.W.	Whole gale	Heavy seas stove in side of deck-house fore-castle, bringing down ten bunks and injuring four men	J. C. Cannell.
" 20	Oban, 2 years	Schooner	27	4	..	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	..	North Spit, Hokitika River	E.	Light	Vessel went on North Spit when entering narrow entrance of river	John Phillips Coulson.
" 27	John o' Gaunt, 30 years	Barque..	1228	22	..	General	Damaged by heavy seas	..	Pouko, Kaipara	E.	Moderate gale	Casualty caused through vessel's moorings parting, and she was driven ashore	William Robertson.
Aug. 5	Hercules, 4 years	Schooner	51	5	..	Coal ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Near Great Barrier	E.	Storm ..	No blame attachable to master. Vessel left Wellington in seaworthy condition	William H. N. Champion.
" 14	Sterling, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	26	7	..	Explosives	Damaged by heavy seas	..	Quarter of a mile north of landing-slip, Port Robinson	E.	Light ..	Whilst at anchor a heavy sea set in with a very light wind, and her cable parting, vessel drifted ashore. Wind too light to make sail	Peter Johnson.
" 14	Envy, 15 years	Ketch ..	52	7	..	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Lat. 39° 40' S., long. 85° 37' E. On voyage from Liverpool to Wellington	S.W.	Whole gale	A stowaway, Joseph Lasley, was washed over-board by a heavy sea breaking on board, and was lost	Allan M. Davies.
" 16	Maud Graham, 23 years	Schooner	80	5	..	General	Loss of life only	1	Reef off Cape Wanbrow, near Oamaru	..	Calm ..	Master neglected to take bearings before setting course to pass Cape Wanbrow. The mate, Alexander Robinson, neglected to call master when weather set in hazy, or fix his position by bearings, or use lead when approaching land (which was obscured), or to at once head vessel to sea before calling master, and when peril to ship was apparent. Master's certificate suspended for one month and mate's for two months, each to pay half costs of inquiry, amounting to £14 12s.	John Christian.
" 25	Ilala, 17 years	Ship ..	1245	27	2 (stow-away's)	General	Stranded; partial loss	..					
Sept. 15	Pareora, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	355	17	..	Produce	Stranded; partial loss	..					