

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Registered Tonnage	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.		
1901.													
Sept. 16	Ronga, 1½ years	Schooner	93	7	..	Ballast..	Capized; slight damage	..	Off Fairy Bay, Pelorus Sound	N.W.	Squall ..	Vessel with all sail set was struck by sudden squall while practically becalmed. Master committed error of judgment in not fully providing against such an accident, and he was ordered to pay £7 7s. costs of inquiry	Otto Edward Peterson,
" 21	Cygnat, s.s., 16 years	Schooner	66	10	..	Manure and salt	Stranded; no damage	..	Horse-shoe Bay, Tory Channel	..	Calm ..	Master mistook Horse-shoe Bay for proper channel, grounding on soft papa rock in the endeavour to resume his proper course	Alexander Innes Murray.
" 29	Whakapai, 5 years	Schooner	67	5	..	None ..	Capized; total loss	4	Off East Cape, between East Cape and East Island	S.	Squalls..	Vessel belonged to class known as scows. She sustained some damage in landing her cargo on beach at Tokomaru Bay. Attempts were made to repair her, and being made, as supposed, watertight, she left for Gisborne to have proper repairs effected; but when three or four miles off shore the wind went round to the south, blowing hard, with considerable sea. Master endeavoured to make for Hick's Bay, to beach vessel; but she cap-sized, and four lives were lost. Errors in judgment on the part of the master, who was drowned, contributed largely to cause the casualty, though it is probable that if the weather had continued fine he would have brought his vessel to port	Charles Bonner.
Oct. 1	Patiki, p.s., 20 years	Cutter ..	37	4	..	Gelignite	Collision; partial loss	..	Netherton Reach, Paroa River	..	Calm ..	Under special circumstances of the case, Court did not feel justified in holding either master responsible	Edward Joseph Adlam.
" 1	Taniwha, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	191	18	10	General	Collision; no damage	..					William Sullivan.
" 9	Indradevi, s.s., 1 year, 100 A1 Lloyd's	Schooner	3702	60	..	General	Collision; no damage	..					Theophilus Trotter.
" 9	Lily, 27 years..	Schooner	84	5	..	Produce	Collision; partial loss	..	20 miles N.N.E. of Godley Head	S.E.	Moderate breeze	Court was of opinion that every precaution had been taken by those on board the steamer to avoid collision, and considered that the mate of the schooner, who held no certificate, had shown great neglect and want of discretion in not calling the master earlier; and he was ordered to pay £5 5s. towards cost of inquiry	Andrew Bloom.
" 11	Lady Barkly, s.s., 40 years	Cutter ..	39	7	..	Nil ..	Collision; slight damage	..	½-mile outside outer beacons off Collingwood	W.	Light ..	The "Lady Barkly" had the "Emma Sims" in tow, and after casting off the tow-rope the vessels came into collision	Jacob Edwin Stevens.
" 11	Emma Sims ..	Schooner	61	5	..	Timber..	Collision; slight damage	..					Arthur Rhys Reynolds.
" 15	Poharua, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	749	23	..	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Sunken rock at Cape Stephens, Cook Strait	N.W.	Light ..	Master not guilty of negligence under the circumstances; the set of tide, and fog, combined to bring about a situation which master took only possible course to retrieve. No order made as to costs	James Stewart Adams.