

RETURN OF WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department from the 1st April, 1902, to the 31st March, 1903.

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.	Passengers.				Cargo.	Casualty.		
1902. March 18	Kumara, s.s. ..	Schooner	3906	..	..	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 47° 6' S., long. 120° 10' E.	..	..	An A.B., W. C. H. Plunkett, was knocked overboard and lost. While the Court was of opinion that everything was done after the accident to save the man's life, yet it considered the captain, the chief officer, and second officer deserving of censure for neglect of various duties, and ordered them to pay the costs of inquiry, £11 11s.	William Scotland.
April 8	Angola, s.s., 4 years, A 1 Lloyd's	Schooner	2800	32	..	Shaft flawed ..	..	Timaru ..	..	..	On vessel's arrival at Timaru a flaw extending over one-third round shaft was discovered in No. 3 length of tunnel-shafting. Three new lengths of shafting, including thrust-shaft, were fitted in Lyttelton before vessel proceeded on voyage	R. Carruther.
" 18	Napier, s.s., 32 years	Schooner	48	6	..	Breakdown of machinery	..	On voyage Dunedin to Bluff	..	..	Caused through crack in feed-pump ..	Peter Andrew Lyders.
" 24	Heathfield, 8 years	Barque..	1534	24	..	Spring a leak	..	30 miles off Holyhead, Irish Channel. On voyage from Liverpool to Wellington	S.	Gale ..	Vessel encountered heavy gales and high seas after leaving port, causing her to strain, whereby she made water	James Fraser.
" 27	Mokan, s.s., 6 months	Schooner	98	9	..	Fire on board; partial loss	..	At wharf inside Mokau Heads	N.E.	Strong breeze	Court found that fire occurred through wooden partition in boiler-room igniting from stove-pipe, and that the master was to blame in not taking warning by a previous partial ignition of the woodwork, and neglecting to have any hose or pump workable from deck and a proper watch kept while furnace and stove fires were burning. He was ordered to pay £10 7s. 8d., costs of the inquiry	Alfred Jonas.
" 28	Rio, 21 years ..	Schooner	289	..	..	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 35° 33' S., long. 155° 6' E. On voyage from Clarence River to Auckland	Heavy gale	Heavy gale	While vessel was hove-to on starboard tack during heavy weather an A.B., Thomas Beveridge, was washed overboard by heavy sea and lost	H. C. Spruit.
May 8	Kinfauns, 16 years	Barque..	981	18	..	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 42° S., long. 2° 10' E. On voyage from Liverpool to Wellington	W.N.W.	Fresh breeze	An O.S., Gordon Trahair, while firing the fore-royal, fell from aloft overboard and was drowned	Alexander Martin Creighton.
" 13	Ururoa, 2 years	Schooner	196	9	..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Reef off Cape Campbell	S.W.	Strong breeze	Master was held to be blamable in that he should have given more definite instructions as to the time he should be called, or that he should have instructed the mate to keep the deck till the danger off Cape Campbell was passed. The instructions he gave to the boatswain were too indefinite, leaving too much to the judgment of an uncertificated seaman. He was ordered to pay the cost of the inquiry, £4 4s.	Charles Ludvig Olsen.