

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

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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.			Direction.	Force.		
1902. Sept. 17	Hjertnes (of Norway), 11 years	Barque ..	711	12	..	Ballast ..	Loss of anchors and cables	..	Shoals, entrance to Kaipara Harbour	W.S.W.	Strong breeze	Vessel being of shallow draught made considerable drift in seaway. Master, after sighting light, was afraid she might, if kept hove-to, drift into breakers before daylight, so preferred risk of standing in before marks or signals were distinguishable	T. G. Rove.
"	18 Emerald (of Norway), 22 years	Barque ..	745	14	..	Ballast ..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Inner Shoals, Kaipara Entrance	S.W.	Fresh breeze	Master could not from outside bar distinguish any marks on land. As swell was setting vessel inshore master, seeing an opening in the break, surmised it to be the channel and stood in, and did not find it was not the proper channel until too far in to risk working vessel out again against the heavy sea running	Launtz Walle.
"	22 Samuel Plimsoll, 29 years	Ship ..	1459	24	..	General	Loss of masts	..	60 miles S.E. of Cape Saunders. On voyage from Glasgow to Dunedin	S.W.	Whole gale	Vessel when close to destination was caught in heavy S.W. gale, and lay-to under lower main-topsail only, rolling heavily. She finally rolled the main and mizzen masts clean out of her	Alexander Jaffray.
"	24 Concordia (of Russia), 16 years	Barque ..	949	17	..	Ballast ..	Stranded; partial loss	1	14 miles south of Kaipara Heads	..	Heavy gale	Vessel was driven on shore by heavy gale. She was subsequently sold, and relaunched by the purchasers	M. Wickman.
Oct. 12	12 Awarua, p.s., 18 years	Schooner	100	7	9	Cattle ..	Loss of life only	1	3½ miles off Kaitoke Beach, Great Barrier	S.W.	Fresh breeze	Charles Dawson (a passenger guest), in attempting to get a bucket of water while standing aft on the starboard sponson, was dragged overboard and drowned	Lauchlan Alexander McLean.
"	13 Lizzie Taylor, 10 years	Schooner	77	5	..	Produce	Stranded; partial loss	..	North Spit, Wanganni River	S.	Light ..	In weighing anchor and setting sails to take bar in accordance with signals, vessel drifted some distance toward north. Pilot should have signalled to the master to tack to the west so as to bring her into position, and master should have cast his lead and taken soundings as he approached the bar-channel	Thomas Lowery.
"	17 May, 33 years..	Schooner	237	7	..	Timber..	Stranded; total loss	6	On coast midway between Kaipara and Manukau	..	Whole gale	Vessel was in tow of s.s. "Pilot," and cast off tow-line by order of master of "May," which was unable to get off lee-shore during a gale which arose very suddenly with very heavy sea. The master and five of the crew were drowned	John Urquhart.
"	28 Ventnor, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	2581	40	..	Coal, Chinese cof- fins, and fungus	Foundered; total loss	13	Off entrance to Hokianga River	..	..	Vessel left Wellington for Hongkong on the 26th October, but got out of the course alleged to have been set to clear Cape Egmont, and she struck on rocks, probably near Opuake. Master decided to proceed to Auckland; but at 9 p.m., when a little distance south and west of Hokianga Heads, the fore bulkhead gave way and the vessel foundered, the master and twelve others being drawn down as vessel sank. Responsibility for casualty rested on master alone, and the officers were exonerated and their certificates returned to them	Henry George Ferry.