

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.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1902.													
Dec. 14	Phantom, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	18	5	..	Fish ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Extreme north end of North Spit, Wairau bar	N.E.	Light ..	Casualty caused through heel of vessel striking bottom, causing the vessel to pay off with a heavy trawl astern. Engines could not be reversed to go astern, and she drifted further on the Spit and stranded	Carl August Nielsen.
"	16 Oreti, s.s., 25 years	Schooner	116	12	1	Coal ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Entrance to Wanganui River	W.	Gale ..	Vessel touched training-wall in entering river. Casualty caused by vessel failing to answer her helm owing to strong wind blowing and heavy set of tide	Oliver Powell.
"	16 Taviuni, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	1465	38	49	Fruit ..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Off Rough Rock Buoy, Auckland Harbour	..	..	Vessel was slowed down and stopped on account of fog, and was carried by tide on to danger	G. A. Lobb.
"	25 Duchess, s.s., 5 years	Cutter ..	60	6	130	None ..	Stranded; no damage	..	1 mile north of wharf, Day's Bay, Wellington Harbour	..	Calm ..	Stranding caused by vessel not being stopped or anchored when fog came on	James Jones.
1903.													
Jan. 5	Gairloch, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	211	22	..	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Oakura Reef, 3 miles north of Cape Egmont	W.	Moderate	Master committed an error of judgment in hugging land so closely on so dark a night. His certificate was suspended for three months, and he was ordered to pay £10 towards cost of inquiry	Arthur Henry Austen.
"	9 Opotiki, 32 years	Schooner	38	3	..	Ballast..	Stranded; total loss	..	Lady Franklin Bank, Kaipara Harbour	W.	Moderate breeze	Whilst vessel heading for sandbank, and in the act of putting the helm down to come in stays, the upper pin of rudder unshipped, rendering rudder unworkable. Anchor was immediately let go and sails lowered, but vessel was too close to shore to pay out sufficient chain to hold her in position. The tide and swell drove her into the broken water and up on the shoal, where she eventually got badly strained and filled	Julius Barry.
"	11 Moerangi, oil-engine vessel, 2 years	Launch..	16	2	163	..	Collision; no damage	..	Opposite Macandrew's Bay, Otago Harbour	..	..	Collision due to masters racing their vessels, and to the "Moerangi" not keeping out of the "Onslow's" way when the former was the overtaking vessel. The "Onslow" should also have taken the starboard instead of the port side of the channel. Master of "Moerangi" ordered to pay £6 12s., and master of "Onslow" £3 6s. towards cost of inquiry	Thomas Anderson.
"	11 Onslow, s.s., 14 years	Cutter ..	16	2	140	..	Collision; no damage	..	Wanganui Roadstead, and off Terawhiti	E.	Light ..	Fire caused through spontaneous combustion of coal in bunkers	Clifford Williams.
"	16 Waikato, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	3070	51	..	N.Z. produce	Fire on board; no damage	..	Railway Wharf, Nelson	..	Calm ..	Peculiarity of tide near wharf caused vessel to run into wharf stern first, twisting rudder-post and damaging steering-gear	Herbert C. Kiddle.
"	16 Wellington, 29 years	Ship ..	1247	27	..	General	Collision; partial loss	..	Reef, about two cables off south-west corner of Kawanui Island, Hauraki Gulf	E.N.E.	Strong ..	Vessel was running behind Kawanui for shelter, the landmarks not being visible, when a wash on the reef was seen, and the vessel paid off, but struck in about 30 seconds. She was subsequently floated off and brought to Auckland for repairs	Charles Thomas.
"	19 Waikonini, 11 years	Schooner	60	4	..	None ..	Stranded; partial loss	..					Frederick Jensen.