

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	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.		
1903. Jan. 31	Gladys, 12 years	Barque..	20	..	Wool ..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Kaite Beach, Poverty Bay	N.W. and S.W.	Gentle breeze	At time of lifting anchor wind was N.W., but before vessel gathered headway wind shifted to W.S.W. and cautioned her the reverse way on to the port tack. Yards were then thrown aback to send her head off, and as soon as she appeared not to go off anchor was let go. Shortly after she grounded forward	Alexander Bedward Foote.
Feb. 5	Ngaru, 5 years..	Schooner	66	5 ..	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	Big River, Kahurangi Point	..	From N.E.	Accident occurred through great rush of storm-water breaking the backing-rope of kedje off port bow, and kedje dragged home. Vessel was then swept with great force on to the rocks on starboard side of creek.	Francis Fletcher.
" 6	Machrihanish, 19 years	Ship ..	1641	26 ..	Wool ..	Fire on board; partial loss	..	Alongside Wool-wharf, Wellington Harbour	..	..	Court found that the officers were free from all blame in the matter; but that the fire was not the result of accident but of design, although there was not sufficient evidence beyond a suspicion to point out those who carried out the design	Ernest Laurence And on.
" 17	Wakatu, s.s., 25 years	Schooner	95	14 ..	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Davidson's Rock, North Bay, Kaikoura Peninsula	Calm..	..	Vessel touched rocks during fog. Master appears to have done all he could to find his position: navigating with all caution, sounding, and going slow, and being himself on the look-out	James Wills.
" 21	Lizzie Taylor, 10 years	Ketch ..	77	5 ..	Flour ..	Stranded; on damage	..	South Spit, Wanganui Bay	N.W.	..	Casualty caused by wind failing	Thomas Lowery
" 26	Penguin, s.s., 38 years	Schooner	517	40 53	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	Waihi Point, Jackson's Head	Calm..	..	Stranding due to dense fog enveloping ship at a critical time when nearer land than on her usual course. This nearness was due to current. Master and officers were acquitted of all blame, and Court considered their conduct after the occurrence worthy of all praise	Charles McArthur.
" 26	Rimu, s.s., 4 years	Schooner	144	16 ..	Ballast..	Stranded; no damage	..	1 mile east of Farewell Spit Lighthouse	N.N.W.	..	Thick weather obscured the light at Cape Farewell, and an undue set of the current seems to have taken vessel too far east on her course	John Abraham Bergquist.
March 24	Nambucca, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	74	11 4	General	Damage to stern-post	..	Grey's Reach, Opawa River	Calm..	..	Shoe connecting outer stern-post breaking, caused outer stern-post to break off at the bottom of the rudder-trunk, carrying the rudder away with it. Cause of shoe breaking supposed to be striking submerged log of wood	William George North.

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