

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1905. April 15	Volador, 20 years	Barquentine	197	8	Timber	Loss of mizen-mast	..	200 miles off New Zealand coast, on voyage from Newcastle to Wellington	N.W.	Moderate gale	A heavy squall struck the ship and broke off the mizenmast some feet from the deck	John Pearson.
" 17	Hauptiri, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	452	32	General	Damage to purser's room	..	Off Black Head, East Coast, North Island	S.S.E.	Gale ..	A heavy sea broke on board when lying-to off Black Head and carried away the woodwork of the purser's room on deck, port side	Charles Frederick Backstrom.
" 21	Zelateur, 13 years	Barque	524	11	Timber	Stranded; re-floated	..	Eastern bank, Mercury Bay	S.W.	Strong	While being towed down Whitianga River took the ground, and was refloated making water	W. H. Heayea.
May 1	Progress, 28 years	Scow ..	49	4	Coal ..	Stranded; total loss	..	Peni Peni Beach, North Head, Tauranga	E.	Hard blow	Vessel, on voyage Ngunguru to Matata, owing to bad weather, had to put into Tauranga; in trying to run in missed stays, and became unmanageable	Patrick B'onnfield.
" 6	Moeraki, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	2715	85	General	Collision; no damage	..	Abreast of Inner South Head, Sydney Harbour	W.S.W.	Light ..	Vessel collided with a small steamer, name unknown	George Crawshaw.
" 8	Devonport, 27 years	Barque	290	10	Ballast	Loss of life ..	1	On voyage from Melbourne to Kaipara	S.	Gale ..	Wife of master, Sundberg, fell overboard and was drowned. Inquiry: result, no one to blame	Thore Vindician Sundberg.
" 8	Lizzie Taylor, 13 years	Ketch ..	77	5	Timber	Loss of sails, and damage to rudder	..	Off Kaikoura	S.E.	Gale ..	Damage, £100; caused by heavy weather ..	Anton Peterson.
" 14	Neptune, 26 years	Barquentine	343	10	Ballast	Stranded; total loss	..	North Spit, Kaipara, 5 miles from North Head	W.S.W.	Strong	Vessel, on voyage Wellington to Kaipara, went on the bar at latter place, and was totally wrecked. Court found master should not have taken bar at time, but waited later in day: no necessity take bar. Master found guilty of imprudence, as tide ebbing, light bad; and he did not wait for signals or directions. Certificate suspended for three months	Robert McKenzie Cliffe.
" 20	Elverland, 8 years	Barquentine	361	11	Railway iron	Stranded; slight damage	..	Western edge, Tory Shoal, Kaipara Harbour	S.	Moderate breeze	Casualty caused through hugging edge of bank too close	S. R. Savory.
June 1	Ngaru, 7 years	Schooner	66	5	Timber	Stranded; slight damage	..	Petane Beach, Napier	E.	Gale ..	Casualty caused through vessel being anchored on a lee shore when a gale of wind sprung up, accompanied with a heavy sea	Francis Fletcher.
" 2	Putiki, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	171	17	Produce	Loss of propeller-blades	..	6 miles east of Point Gibson	S.E.	Strong breeze	While on voyage from Lyttelton to Wellington the propeller was stripped of all the blades; no explanation could be given as to their loss as the ship did not come in contact with any hard substance.	Frederick Dewhurst