

RETURN OF WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the MARINE DEPARTMENT from the 1st April, 1906, to the 31st March, 1907.

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. Sep. 8	Whangape, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	32	..	Sugar ..	Collision, and stranded; partial loss	..	S.W. of Piles Light, South Passage, Suva Harbour	Calm	..	The "Whangape" left Suva for Auckland with a cargo of sugar, and whilst going at half-speed turned into the passage and discovered the cutter "Bronzewing," 14 tons, straight ahead, showing no lights. The "Whangape" kept to port side of passage as much as possible, going full speed astern to avoid the cutter, which was crossing the passage, using sweeps. "Bronzewing" struck "Whangape" on starboard bow, and carried away her bowsprit. After passing the cutter the "Whangape's" bows took the sandpoint, south-west of Pile light, grounding very lightly, and backed off at midnight on three-quarter-flood tide. Mate did not carry out master's order to keep out to sea. Vessel mis-stayed, and went ashore.	R. D. Watson.
1906. Mar. 21	Aotea, auxiliary, 12 years	Schooner	8	..	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	Waipiro Bay	S.S.W.	Gentle breeze	Mate did not carry out master's order to keep out to sea. Vessel mis-stayed, and went ashore.	John Brown.
" 30	Cygnets, s.s., 20 years	Schooner	11	..	Ballast	Broke tail-shaft	..	Guard's Bay, Cook Strait	S	Squally	Vessel broke her tail-shaft 4 in. inside propeller-boss. Breakage apparently caused by granulation from wear and tear.	Alexander Innes Murray.
April 4	Aoreo, s.s., 21 years	Ketch ..	9	..	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Inside Patea bar	S.S.W.	Light ..	Casualty caused by continuous westerly winds	A. H. Fisk.
" 10	Mimiro, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	55	..	Wool, flax, &c.	Fire	..	Glasgow Wharf, Wellington	N.W.	Light ..	No evidence as to cause of fire. It may have been due to spontaneous combustion, or the flax may have been wilfully set on fire by some person or persons unknown.	Fredk. Charles Lidstone.
" 10	Perthshire, s.s., 12 years, 100 Al	Schooner	58	..	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Pania Reef, near Napier Breakwater	W.	Light ..	Vessel struck a rock to the north of Pania Reef Buoy. Master was deceived as to his distance from the buoy, and the extent of the reef to the north.	E. T. Cremer.
" 17	Mararoa, s.s. ..	Schooner	76	313	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Outside Western Mole, Lyttelton	S.W.	Moderate breeze	Vessel touched coming out of Lyttelton Harbour, but got off again in a few hours.	W. Manning.
" 19	Warrior, scow	Schooner	5	..	Timber	Stranded; total loss	..	Oakurn, New Plymouth	S.	Very light	Vessel cast ashore by the westerly swell, in consequence of the wind failing and rendering it impossible to reach seaward. Master was guilty of an error in judgment in sailing the vessel too near the coast in the weather prevailing, and was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry, £6 3s.	C. Anderson.
" 21 or 22	Ronga, schooner, 6 years	Schooner	6	..	Coal ..	Cap-sized; partial loss	6	Supposed to be off Cape Campbell	S.	Gale ..	Vessel left Lyttelton at mid-May on 21st April, 1906, and was sighted next morning off Cape Campbell, bottom up. It is supposed she capsized, owing to the violence of the wind and sea. Vessel towed to Wellington later.	E. O. Petersen.