

RETURN OF WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the MARINE DEPARTMENT, &c.—continued.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg. Tonnage.	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.		
1906.												
June 2	Elsie, s.s., 22 years	15	3	..	..	Burnt; total loss	..	Blackball Wharf, Havelock	..	..	Woodwork near funnel caught fire, and vessel was scuttled, as efforts to subdue the fire failed.	R. Pugh.
" 9	Pelotas, 9 years	250	10	..	Timber	Stranded; total loss	..	Whangape Harbour ..	S.E.	Gentle breeze	Whilst being towed down the harbour the vessel stranded, owing to the tug not having sufficient power to tow her over the bar	F. W. Whitton.
" 14	Waihi, s.s., 24 years	63	9	..	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	Wairau Bar ..	S.E.	Moderate	Cause of casualty: insufficient water on the bar, and the negligent navigation of the master in continuing too long on a south-west by west course after passing the line of beacons; and, further, by not ascertaining his position by compass-bearings, or by soundings with the lead, after he had failed to pick up the back beacon. The Court considered the master should be severely censured, and ordered him to pay the costs of the inquiry. £15 7s. 6d.	C. F. Backstrom.
" 14	Akitio, oil-launch, 2 years	12	2	..	Nil ..	Swamped; total loss	2	Somewhere near mouth of Akitio River	S.W.	Strong	Returning from coastal voyage the vessel was unable to enter the river, owing to darkness and no lights visible. Direction of the wind suddenly changed during the night, and the vessel was compelled to put to sea. Owing either to failure of the engines or rough sea she was swamped, and the occupants drowned	John Beer.
July 2	Kiripaka, s.s., 11 years	75	10	..	Coal ..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Patea Bay ..	N.W.	Light ..	After crossing the bar the vessel touched bottom, and lost steerage-way	A. M. Gillies.
" 3	Pondo, s.s., 12 years	1773	32	..	General	Collision; slight damage	..	Glasgow Wharf, Wellington Harbour	S.W.	Strong breeze	In backing out from Railway Wharf "Corinna" collided with "Pondo," and broke off a blade of the latter's propeller. Unavoidable accident, caused by the strong breeze blowing. The "Corinna" had one of her davits broken	E. R. Large.
" 3	Corinna, s.s., 25 years	812	30	..	General	Supposed struck anchor	..	Wairau Bar ..	W.	Gale ..	Vessel is supposed to have struck a submerged anchor on Wairau Bar, and had a hole torn in her bottom by the fluke	J. S. Pender.
" 5	Blenheim, s.s., 1 year	85	10	2	Produce	Tail-shaft broken	..	6 miles N.W. by W. of Cape Foulwind	S.W.	Strong breeze	Heavy seas caused the engines to race, and the tail-shaft carried away	S. Clark.
" 7	Kini, s.s., 12 years	702	22	..	Ballast	Stranded; partial loss	..	Fitzroy Bay ..	N.N.W.	Hurricane	Cable parted, and vessel drove ashore, not having sufficient power to steam against heavy sea and wind	C. M. Tenant.
" 9	Paiaaka, s.s., 25 years	10	2	..	Ballast	Stranded; slight damage	..	Wharf, Okain's Bay ..	N.W.	Moderate	Ketch swung round and stranded on rocks through swell making whilst she lay at anchor	J. Symons.
" 9	Lily, 31 years ..	13	2	..	Timber	Stranded; slight damage	..	Wharf, Okain's Bay ..	N.W.	Moderate	Ketch swung round and stranded on rocks through swell making whilst she lay at anchor	W. Adams.