

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, &c.—*continued*.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of
			Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1907. Feb. 5	Admiral, lighter, 30 years	Ketch ..	40	3 ..	Wool ..	Foundered; partial loss; refloated	..	Napier Harbour ..	N.	Light ..	Cause of casualty was the anchor went through the bow of the vessel and caused a leak, but how this happened is not known. Vessel was towed on to a bank, where cargo was discharged and damage repaired	J. C. Tonkin.
"	6 Awarua, p.s., 23 years	Schooner	54	7 ..	Ballast..	Stranded; total wreck	..	1 mile from Kauri Mountain, Whangarei Heads	N.W.	Light ..	The "Awarua," in charge of an A.B., the master being engaged in mate's duties, struck on uncharted rocks, and became a total wreck. Movables were salvaged by s.s. "Pelican" and boats. In view of evidence given at Magisterial inquiry master should have been warned of rocks in the vicinity of his course.	L. A. McLean.
"	14 Rock Lily, 20 years	Ketch ..	50	4 ..	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	..	1 mile N. of Mercury Bay	S.E.	Gale ..	Vessel driven ashore by a sudden tempest of wind and sea from an unexpected quarter	P. Bonfield.
"	14 Bravo, scow, 10 years	Schooner	99	5 ..	Timber	Stranded; partial loss, refloated	..	8 miles S.E. of Cape Maria Van Diemen	N.N.E.	Moderate	The master during thick stormy weather shortened his distance to clear Cape Maria Van Diemen, and was driven ashore. Probable cause, strong adverse currents and bad weather	Charles Nelson.
"	15 Rimu, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	144		Timber & wool	Stranded; no damage	..	Paterson's Inlet, Stewart Island	..	Calm ..	Grounded on a sand-bank (uncharted), and was towed off by the s.s. "Invercargill" on 1st March	J. A. Bergquist.
"	16 Rakiura, s.s., 29 years	Schooner	81	10 ..	Ballast..	Stranded; no damage	..	Korora Creek, Molyneux Bay	S.S.E.	Light ..	Court found that master was greatly to blame for not taking the usual precautions in foggy weather. Certificate suspended for six months. Considered that the mate was also to blame, and ordered that he pay £5 5s. towards costs of inquiry	W. M. Dudfield
"	17 Marguerite Miranda (French)	Barque	1731	24 ..	Coal, &c.	Stranded; total loss	..	Akatore, Otago ..	E.S.E.	Light ..	No observations for correction of compasses were obtainable for several days prior to the wreck, and the vessel got out of her course and went ashore in a dense fog, becoming a total wreck	J. M. Tattevin.
"	20 Waikorini, scow 6 years	Schooner	60	4 ..	..	..	1	Near East Cape ..	N.	Strong	When vessel was about seven miles from land Gustave Hankey, A.B., was missed, and though vessel was brought up in the wind and look-out kept up for an hour no sign of the missing man could be found	John Brown.
"	23 Matai ..	Oil-launch	*	1 12	..	Fire; slight damage	..	Otago Harbour ..	..	Calm ..	One of the party threw a lighted match into a pool of benzine, which flared up and scorched the woodwork of the boat	..
"	25 Echo, 2 years...	Schooner	99	7 ..	Timber	Stranded; slight damage	..	N. Spit, Karamea River	S.W.	Light ..	The vessel not answering her helm properly stranded, owing to the joggle of the sea in a tortuous channel	Arthur Seeley.

* Under 5 tons, not registered.