

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM THE 1st April, 1907, to the 31st March, 1908.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Register 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.		
1907. Mar. 6	Dundonald, 16 years	Barque	2115	28	..	Wheat..	Stranded; total loss	13	Disappointment Island, Auckland Islands	N.N.W.	Strong breeze	The barque "Dundonald" was wrecked on Disappointment Island on the morning of 6th March, 1907; and, from the evidence tendered, no blame appears to attach to any one	James Thorburn.
"	Ngatiawa, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	220	23	..	General	Stranded; trifling accident	..	Auckland Harbour ..	E.	Moderate	Vessel came in contact with mooring-chain of dredge, and slightly twisted her rudder	P. A. Stein.
"	Isabella de Fraine, 5 years	Ketch ..	94	7	..	Produce	Stranded; trifling damage	..	1 mile below Kaipara Lighthouse ..	..	Calm ..	When entering Kaipara Harbour vessel took the ground, owing to wind failing and bad holding-ground. She was towed off. The damage was slight	George P. Wood.
"	Ngatiawa, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	220	23	..	Ballast..	Stranded; trifling accident	..	Inside Tairua Heads..	E.	Light ..	Whilst being towed the towline came off at a bend in the river	P. A. Stein.
Unkn'wn	Atalanta, 35 years	Schooner	23	3	..	Ballast..	Stranded; trifling accident	..	Thames River ..	..	Not known	Vessel apparently grounded on her anchor, causing perforation of garboard streak, port bow	Thomas McLean.
April 1	Te Aroha, 31 years	Steam-paddle	50	7	..	Nil ..	Foundered; total loss	..	1/2 mile from Peach Cove, Whangarei	S.W.	Moderate	The ship was unseaworthy when she left Auckland. No blame attachable to master or engineer. Owner was ordered to pay costs of inquiry—£20 7s. 10d.	W. T. Mincham.
"	Vindex, 10 years	Ketch ..	27	3	3	Ballast..	Mast, sails, and rigging carried away	..	4 miles S. of Coromandel Harbour	S.	Strong..	Foremast starboard shrouds drew and broke; mast, sails, and rigging carried away; cause being strong south wind	William John Biddick.
"	Bell Flower, 4 years	Ketch ..	98	6	..	Produce	Stranded; trifling accident	..	Entrance to Herkino River	S.W.	Moderate	Vessel set on spit by strong current from river, and, wind failing, unavoidable accident	W. Harris.
"	Inveran, s.s., 6 months	Schooner	2853	35	..	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	Wellington Harbour..	N.W.	Gale ..	Vessel dragged anchors, and stranded off Point Jerningham, and broke all her propeller-blades. Master was guilty of error of judgment in not paying out more cable. Third officer negligent in looking after ship; his certificate suspended for one month	J. S. Marshall.
"	Hobsonville, oil-engine, 13 years	Schooner	23	3	5	Water-pipes	Collision; trifling damage	..	Queen Street Wharf, Auckland	..	Calm	The collision was brought about by the neglect of the master of the "Hobsonville," and there was want of judgment on the part of the master of the "Eagle" in not keeping his course and speed. Master of "Hobsonville" was ordered to pay three-fourths, and master of "Eagle" one-fourth, of costs of inquiry	John Keegan.
"	Eagle, 21 years	Paddle-steamer	138	4	About 50	..	Collision; trifling damage	..	..	..	Calm	Whilst on voyage from Havelock to Lyttelton, in a heavy sea and strong gale, the vessel, whilst at anchor, dragged and went on rocks. Master appears to have done all that was possible	G. W. Leaty.
May 18	Emma Sims, 12 years	Ketch ..	61	4	..	Timber	Stranded; total loss	..	S.E. end of Mana Island	S.E.	Whole gale	Whilst on voyage from Havelock to Lyttelton, in a heavy sea and strong gale, the vessel, whilst at anchor, dragged and went on rocks. Master appears to have done all that was possible	James Macdonald.