

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

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Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Registered Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1907. May 18	Rakaia, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	3660	50	..	General	Fire; £500 damage	Lat. 30° N., Long. 15° W., North Atlantic	N.E.	Moderate	Fire occurred in hold, lower cross-bunker, extending to coal in No. 3 hold, the damage to ship being one frame and two plates slightly buckled	A. H. Vine.
"	Jane Douglas, s.s., 32 years	Schooner	95	9	..	General	Stranded; no damage	S. Spit, Hokitika River	..	Calm	Vessel was towing out the scow "Eunice," when latter went aground and caused the "Jane Douglas" to also ground. She was towed off uninjured	James Irvine.
"	Eunice, scow ..	Schooner	171	8	..	Timber	Stranded; partial loss	S. Spit, Hokitika River	..	Calm	Whilst being towed by "Jane Douglas," vessel took the ground on South bank, swung round, and finally became fast on sea-beach at entrance to Hokitika River. The cause of accident was that vessel did not answer her helm	William Robertson.
"	Vesper, scow, auxiliary oil, 1 year	Schooner	33	3	..	Cattle	Collision; partial loss	Half-way between Kaurau Island and Tiritiri, Hauraki Gulf	S.W. by W.	Moderate	The principal cause of the collision was the neglect of both vessels to keep a proper lookout; the major part of the blame lay with the "Manurewa," and the Court orders costs to be paid by both vessels in the proportion, "Manurewa" two-thirds and "Vesper" one-third	James Biddick.
"	Manurewa, 23 years	Barque	327	11	..	Salt						F. Nilsson.
"	Rio, 26 years..	Schooner	289	10	..	Timber	Mast, sails, and rigging carried away	Long. 165° 40' E., Lat. 43° 40' S.	S.W.	Fresh gale	Whilst blowing a gale a heavy squall and sea struck the ship on the port side, careening her over on her beam-ends and carrying away her foremast, maintopmast, and gear attached to same	James Brown.
"	Morning Light, 44 years	Schooner	92	..	..	..	Loss of life ..	45 miles N.N.E. of Lyttelton	S.	Gale	The vessel shipped a heavy sea, which carried overboard a seaman named Charles Roberts (alias Harold Rolfe); a life-buoy with lights attached was thrown to him, but he failed to reach it	J. Dowell.
"	Glenlui, 23 years	Ship	1814	24	..	Wheat..	General damage: £3,750 ship, £1,550 cargo	About 80 miles S.E. of Snares	S.W.	Gale	General severe damage to ship and cargo, caused by heavy breaking seas. Vessel put into Dunedin damaged	R. C. Scott.
"	Cape Antibes, s.s., 4 years	Schooner	1616	30	..	Phosphates	Stranded; no damage	Inside Otago Heads..	S.W.	Fresh	When entering the harbour the vessel touched the ground, but got off in a few minutes without damage to ship or cargo	J. A. McDonall.
June 7	Jane Douglas, 32 years	Schooner	95	9	..	Coal	Stranded; no damage	N. Spit, Hokitika River	E.	Light	Vessel, whilst crossing the bar, had her rudder struck by heavy sea, which injured the captain and threw him away from the wheel. Control over the vessel being lost, she went ashore, but was afterwards got off uninjured	James Irvine.