

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

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.	Passen- gen.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1907. July 20	Waikonini, sloop, 6 years	Schooner	4	..	Ballast..	Stranded; no damage	..	Bream Tail, Tasman Sea	N.E.	Gale ..	Vessel met fierce gale and was unable to beat off shore	James McDermott.
" 20	Flora ..	Cutter ..	3	..	Shingle	Foundered ..	3	200 yards E. Victoria Wharf, Auckland Harbour	N.E.	Gale ..	There is no direct evidence as to the cause of the foundering, but the Court was of opinion that it was caused by carelessness in securing the hatches. Owners to blame in not seeing that master had a certificate, and ordered to pay costs of inquiry	Robert J. Sullivan.
" 21	Lily, 17 years	Ketch ..	2	..	Ballast..	Damage to mast and rigging	..	Separation Point, Blind Bay, Nelson	S.E.	Fresh gale	Owing to the strong gale the stay-sail carried away, breaking the jib-boom and causing the foremast to break off at the deck	George Westrupp.
" 22	Macdiarmid, 24 years	Ship ..	23	..	Coal ..	Damaged spars and rigging, £2,000	..	Lat. 35° 35' S., Long. 179° 45' E.	S.E.	Gale ..	Vessel struck by heavy sea. Much damage was done to spars and rigging	W. F. Underwood.
" 28	Reliance, 3 years	Schooner	4	..	Timber and general	Stranded; no damage	..	Between Manukau Heads and Waikato River	S.E.	Moderate gale	Vessel sprung a leak and was beached in a safe position	F. G. Kemp.
" 29	Bravo, 10 years, (sloop)	Schooner	4	..	Coal ..	Stranded; partial loss, £500	..	Petane Beach, near Turoa Point, Hau-raki Gulf	E.	Gale ..	Vessel went ashore through force of wind after port cable had parted	J. A. Paterson.
" 30	Melville Island, 22 years	Ship ..	15	..	Ballast..	Fire; partial loss, £600	..	Wellington Railway wharf	..	Calm ..	Whilst lying at wharf an explosion of gas generated by creosote took place, but how the gas was ignited there is no evidence to show	E. J. Larkin.
Aug. 6	Stanley, 16 years	Schooner	6	..	Coal ..	Stranded; partial, £50	..	½ mile S. of Orewa House, Orewa	N.E.	Gale ..	Vessel was being towed from her anchorage when the tow-lines parted and she was beached to save loss of vessel and life	E. Halcrow.
" 7	Arahura, s.s., 2 years	Schooner	50	117	General	Loss of propeller, £360	..	14 miles N.E. by N. of Kahurangi Point	E.	Strong breeze	The propeller and tail-shaft dropped off; cause unknown	Geo. Lambert.
" 17	Heather Bell, 21 years	Cutter ..	3	..	Fish ..	Stranded; total loss	..	Sealers Bay, Codfish Island, Stewart Island	N.E.	Gale ..	A change of wind during the night caused the vessel to drag her anchor and she went ashore.	Geo. West.
" 22	Kaituna, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	..	..	..	Loss of life ..	1	Lat. 38° 16' S., Long. 157° 18' E.	S.W.	Gale ..	A heavy sea came on board and washed Thomas W. R. Hood, chief officer, overboard	F. P. Evans.
" 31	Mana, 32 years	Cutter ..	4	..	Shingle	Collision; £100 damage	..	200 yards from Railway Wharf Auckland	N.	Light ..	"Mana" collided with Dredge No. 121, which was coming out from wharf, movements being obscured by intervening vessels	J. Stenhouse.
" 31	Dredge 121, s.s., 22 years	Schooner	11	..	Mud ..	Collision; no damage	..	..	..	..	..	S. Cochrane.
Sept. 2	Clansman, s.s., 23 years	Schooner	27	..	General	Collision; no damage	..	North end of Tiri Pasage, Auckland	W.	Moderate	Collision caused through "Herald" not showing stern lights. Master of "Herald" was ordered to pay costs of inquiry	Edward McLeod
" 2	Herald, sloop, 9 years	Schooner	4	..	Ballast	Collision; damage, £25	..	..	..	..	..	M. Rountree.