

No. 17.—RETURN of VESSELS SURVEYED for SEAWORTHINESS—*continued.*

Date of Survey.	Name of Vessel.	Where surveyed.	Nature of Casualty, &c.
1907. June 26 ..	S.s. Nora Niven ..	Dunedin ..	This vessel was steaming up to Dunedin on the night of the 25th June, and, when in the upper harbour, she got out of the channel and touched the sand-bank. An inspection was made of the hull, when the vessel was found to have sustained no damage.
July 6, 8, 9	„ Indra ..	Auckland ..	It was found necessary, while on a voyage from Valparaiso to Sydney, to put into Auckland on the 6th July for repairs to machinery and for coal. The vessel was docked, and the stern length of shafting drawn; and the stern-bush was relined to the satisfaction of the surveyor.
July 6, 8, 9, 10	„ Rakaia ..	Auckland ..	After this vessel's arrival in Auckland from London, the machinery was being overhauled, when, on the 1st July, a fracture of a serious nature was discovered in the M.P. crank-shaft, necessitating its removal. A spare shaft which was on board the vessel was fitted in its place.
July 10 ..	„ Penguin ..	Wellington ..	Whilst entering Nelson Harbour at 5.15 a.m. on the 9th July, after a voyage from Picton, the vessel grazed the rocks near the leading beacons with her starboard bilge. On her return to Wellington, on the 10th July, a diver examined the ship's bottom, and a surveyor made an internal examination. It was found that the ship had received no damage.
July 25 ..	„ Te Anau ..	Dunedin ..	This vessel was entering Nelson Harbour on the 16th July, after a voyage from Wellington, when she stranded on a shingle-bank alongside the wharf, through the flood-tide sheering her into shallow water. She remained there from 10.20 a.m. till 11.5 a.m., when she came off with her own power. On her arrival in Dunedin a survey was made, and the vessel was found to have received no damage.
July 26 ..	„ Kaiapoi ..	Lyttelton ..	Whilst the vessel was being shifted in Sydney Harbour on the 26th June by a tug-boat, the propeller came in contact with the wharf-piles, breaking one of the blades. Upon the vessel's arrival in Lyttelton she was placed in the dry-dock, the propeller-shaft drawn and examined, and a new propeller fitted.
July 27 ..	Ilma (barquentine) ..	Kopu, Thames	This vessel left Gisborne for Kopu on the 10th July in tow of the steamers "Tawera" and "Nautilus." At the end of the breakwater the vessel sagged to leeward, as the tugs were not powerful enough, in the fresh southerly gale which was blowing, to prevent this. The vessel was dragged on to the breakwater, striking slightly amidships. It was thought that no damage had been done, so the vessel proceeded on her voyage. The following morning there was a considerable depth of water in the hold. Upon examination, a leak was discovered, which was temporarily repaired to enable the vessel to complete here voyage to Kopu, Thames, where repairs were effected.
Aug. 5 ..	S.s. Tarawera ..	Dunedin ..	The owners of this vessel desired to change her certificate from home trade to foreign-going. The boats, rafts, and other equipments were inspected, the necessary additions made, and the required number of officers supplied to comply with the Shipping and Seamen Act.
Aug. 6 ..	„ Maheno ..	Dunedin ..	Whilst on a voyage from Lyttelton to Dunedin on the 2nd August, the centre stern-tube was found to be cracked circumferentially about two-thirds round. Temporary repairs were effected in Dunedin by fitting a clamp round the tube; the vessel was thus enabled to proceed to Lyttelton for docking, where permanent repairs were effected.
Aug. 7 ..	„ Arahura ..	Nelson ..	While the vessel was on a voyage from Westport to Nelson she lost her port propeller about 1 a.m. on the 7th August, when seventy-eight miles from Westport. Having twin screws she proceeded on her voyage to Nelson with the starboard engine. There a survey was made, and the vessel allowed to proceed to Wellington. She was placed on the Patent Slip, and a new shaft and propeller fitted.