

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

Date of Survey.	Name of Vessel.	Where surveyed.	Nature of Casualty, &c.
1909. Nov. 19, 30	S.s. Warrimoo ..	Dunedin ..	On the 15th November, when this vessel was lying at the Dunedin wharf, a fire broke out amongst the cargo in the forehold, just forward of the forehatch under the deck. It is supposed that the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion. The firemen's and seamen's quarters, and the forepart of the steerage accommodation were damaged. The damage to these places was made good. Several landings in hull-plating were recaulked and a portion of the sparring in the forehold renewed, which made the vessel quite seaworthy.
November 30	„ Koonya ..	Dunedin ..	This vessel was on a voyage from Dunedin to Oamaru on the 29th November, and, whilst proceeding down Otago Harbour, was suddenly enveloped in a fog. While steaming dead slow, her stern took the ground in the vicinity of Quarantine Island at 9.6 p.m., remaining fast until 3.35 a.m. next day. She came off as the tide made, with the assistance of her own engines. The vessel was placed in dock, when it was found on examination there was one dent in the hull-plating on starboard side and two dents in the hull-plating on the port side in the forepeak tank. Repairs were effected to the plating where necessary, a number of rivets were renewed, and several of the landings were caulked. This made the vessel seaworthy.
October 30 ; November 6	Aramoho (sailing-vessel)	Wanganui ..	The wooden ketch "Aramoho" was built at Wanganui some nine years ago, and was intended for a twin-screw lighter. The lighter was laid up after being launched, the machinery and boiler not being placed on board. After being rigged as a ketch, she was surveyed for seaworthiness in order that she might proceed to Gisborne. The vessel was caulked and repaired where necessary, and the requisite equipments were put on board.
December 15	S.s. Nairnshire ..	Auckland ..	On the 11th December, whilst this vessel was on a voyage from Sydney to Auckland, a fire broke out in No. 2 'tween-decks. It had started amongst several crates which were packed with hay and straw, and was probably caused by spontaneous combustion. After the fire was extinguished an examination of the hold was made. The insulation in No. 2 'tween-decks was found to be damaged. On arrival at Auckland this was repaired, and the vessel found to have received no other damage.
October 8 ; December 20	„ Rakaia ..	Dunedin ..	On the 30th September, whilst proceeding up the channel in Otago Harbour, this vessel took the ground forward at Logan's Point. The vessel was got off this bank only to go on another on the south side of the channel. She remained aground from 4.45 p.m. of the 30th September till 3 a.m. next day, when she came off with the use of her engines and the assistance of a tug-boat. An examination was made of the vessel, when she was found to have sustained no damage.
December 29	„ Aparima ..	Auckland ..	Whilst this vessel was passing Three Isles, Torres Straits, on the 18th December, on a voyage from Calcutta to Auckland, she went aground during very thick weather. The vessel was got off by means of a kedge-anchor and her own engines, having been aground from 2.53 a.m. till 1.15 p.m. On arrival at Auckland an internal examination was made of the vessel, and a diver was employed to examine the outside of the hull. The vessel was found to have sustained no damage.
1910. January 13	„ Aotea ..	Helensville ..	This vessel, which trades on the Wairoa River at Kaipara, was surveyed for some defects in her fastenings and floor-frames and for propeller-shaft examination.
January 17, 20, 24, and 27,	„ Aparima ..	Dunedin ..	This vessel was surveyed at Dunedin, and a further examination made of her hull, when it was found that the cement in thirteen spaces on the starboard side and twelve spaces on the port side in No. 1 ballast-tank was displaced. All the broken cement was taken out and the spaces re cemented.
January 31 ; February 1	„ Gertie ..	Wellington ..	On the 26th January, on a voyage from Greymouth to Foxton, after crossing the Manawatu Bar, this vessel stuck on a sand-bank in the river and remained fast. An attempt was made to tow her off by the s.s. "Kennedy" and the use of her own engines. This, however, failed, as the tide was falling. An anchor with a long length of wire cable was then put out, and when the tide rose the vessel was hove off by means of this and her own engines, about 9 p.m. the same day. When going astern off the sand-bank the rudder-head was considerably twisted. On arrival at the Foxton Wharf this was temporarily repaired to enable the vessel to proceed to Wellington. The rudder was then unshipped, straightened, thoroughly repaired, and replaced in position.
February 10	„ Himitangi ..	Wellington ..	On the 28th January, on a voyage from Greymouth to Foxton, when crossing the bar at 10.50 a.m. this vessel took the ground, remaining fast until 10.15 p.m. of the 29th, when she was got off by means of kedge-anchors and the use of her own engines. A survey was made on arrival at Wellington, when the vessel was found to have sustained no damage.