

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1913, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Date of Casualty	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Number of		Nature of	Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Registered Tonnage	Crewe's Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1913. Mar. 15	Hinemoa, 8 years	Oil launch	6	2	..	Fire; total loss	..	..	Calm ..	Through a leakage of benzene an explosion occurred, and vessel was totally destroyed whilst approaching wharf vessel touched a sandbank and remained fast until flood tide whilst fitting new reversing gear a workman dropped a lighted candle into the bilge, where oil caught fire	A. H. Chadwick.
"	Maunganui, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	4,542	136	General	Stranded; no damage	..	E.	..	Whilst approaching wharf vessel touched a sandbank and remained fast until flood tide	L. C. H. Worrall
"	Turanga, o.e.v., 3 years	Cutter ..	19	..	..	Fire; £100 damage	..	..	..	Whilst fitting new reversing gear a workman dropped a lighted candle into the bilge, where oil caught fire	J. S. Clark.
"	Huon Belle, 49 years	Ketch ..	42	3	Shingle	Stranded; £130 damage	..	N.	Strong..	Vessel missed stays and went ashore ..	J. Regan.
"	The Peregrine, s.s., 2 years	Ferry-boat	162	4	Nil ..	Collision; trifling damage	..	N.	Light ..	When berthing the deck-awning came in contact with s.s. "Opawa's" quarter	T. Clark.
April 7	Makara, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	4,921	199	General	Fire; no damage	..	S.E.	Gale ..	Fire broke out in mail-room; cause unknown	H. A. Morrisby.
"	Manaroa, s.s., 16 years	Schooner	92	11	General	Struck submerged object partial loss	..	S.E.	Fresh ..	The Court found that the vessel struck some submerged object and sustained damage which necessitated her being beached	J. G. Gilbertson.
"	Kaiaia, o.e.v., 4 years	Ketch ..	24	3	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	E.	Strong..	Missed stays and went ashore ..	W. S. Davies.
May 4	Triton, 35 years	Barque	688	12	Guano	Dismaasted; £50 damage	..	W.	Moderate	Encountered a heavy cross sea which caused main top-gallant mast to carry away	J. Nicholaisen.
"	Wakatere, p.s., 17 years	Ferry-boat	157	32	General	Collapse of funnace crowns; £2,500 damage	..	..	..	The collapse of the funnaces was entirely due to shortness of water in the starboard boiler caused by excessive "scumming" by the second engineer, whose certificate was suspended for three months. The chief engineer was guilty of neglect of duty in failing to see that the test cocks were kept in working-order and in delegating to a greaser his duties in regard to filling of the boilers. He was ordered to pay the cost of the inquiry	W. Sullivan.
"	Indrabarah, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	4,664	67	General	Stranded; extensive damage	..	W.	Strong..	The cause of the stranding was the strong westerly wind. The Court considered that the stranding was not due to or contributed to by negligence or default of the master or officers, but that the master committed an error of judgment in not heading more to the westward and at going at too low a rate of speed considering the force of the wind and weather-conditions	A. E. Hollingworth.
"	Ranger, 20 years	Schooner	64	5	Shingle	Damaged bulwarks; £40 damage	..	W.	Strong..	Whilst loading on beach the wind changed and vessel could not be hauled off	J. Williams.
"	Kapuni, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	97	10	General	Stranded; no damage	..	S.E.	Fresh ..	When entering the river the ebb-tide and current caused the vessel to run aground	W. McIntosh.