

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, ETC.—*continued.*

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.
			Crew	Passen- gers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1913. Aug. 20	Clan Macfarlane, 32 years	Barque	17	..	Nickle ore	Damage to rig- ging; £4,000	..	Lat. 33° 30' S., Long. 175° 40' E.	..	..	A squall struck the ship, and subsequent roll caused back stays to part and rigging carried away	W. A. Makela.
" 22	Awani, 22 years	Schooner	85	..	..	Fire; trifling damage	..	Auckland Harbour ..	..	..	Fire was discovered in vessel's fore-castle when she was at anchor, and cause is unknown	..
" 25	Devon, s.s., 16 years	Schooner	47	..	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Wellington Heads ..	S.S.E.	Gale	The Court found that the cause of the stranding was that the way was not taken off the vessel so as to allow of her being handled expeditiously in narrow waters, that the master mistook the lights and the vessel was navigated too close to Pencarrow side of the entrance. The stranding was contributed to by the default of the master, who was a stranger to the port, in not making himself acquainted with the leading-lights of the port, and when these were obscured by the squally conditions of the weather at the time in not heading the vessel clear of the land to await clearer weather or daylight. The master's certificate was suspended for three months, and he was ordered to pay the cost of the inquiry, £16. Upon a rehearing of the inquiry the Supreme Court reversed the decision arrived at at the Magisterial inquiry and found that the master mistook the Falcon Shoal buoy light for the red sector of Somes Island light in such circumstances that he was not to blame for the disaster.	A. H. Caunce.
Sept. 2	Chelmsford, s.s., 27 years	Schooner	12	..	General	Trifling collision with wharf	..	Limestone Island ..	W.	Strong ..	Coming slowly to her berth a squall struck the vessel and caused her to run into the wharf	F. Keatley.
" 3	Apanui, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	15	8	General	Stranded; trifling damage	..	Waiharara Heads ..	S.	Moderate	When entering Waiharara Harbour a strong beam wind caused the vessel to drift to the eastward, and she took the ground, but floated off on rise of tide	John Wilson.
" 4	Taviuni, s.s., 23 years	Schooner	29	..	Coal ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Bluff Harbour ..	E.	Light ..	Steering-gear got out of order, and vessel grounded, but was hauled off by tug	A. R. Pryde.
" 5	Rakiura, s.s., 35 years	Schooner	10	..	..	Collision; no damage	..	Near Pūpunga Wharf, Nelson	N.W.	Fresh breeze	Whilst the "Comet" was beating up the channel the strong breeze caused her to collide with the "Rakiura"	I. M. Barr.
" 5	Comet, 30 years	Ketch ..	2	..	..	Collision; slight damage	..	..	..	..	..	H. Williams.
" 8	Orakei, 31 years	Ketch ..	3	..	..	Collision; no damage	..	Railway Wharf, Nelson	S.W.	Fresh breeze	The "Maid of Italy" was lying at the wharf when the "Orakei" coming to berth touched the ground, lost way, and was carried by the tide into the other vessel	G.N. Westrupp.
" 8	Maid of Italy..	Cutter ..	2	..	General	Collision; slight damage	..	..	..	..	..	G. M. Galland.