

Aug. 30	Tongariro, s.s., 16 years	Schooner	5,220	96	..	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Bull Rock, off Portland Island, N.Z.	N.E.	Light ..	The wreck of the vessel was primarily caused by the default of the chief officer, Percy John Ballard, in failing to take the ordinary precaution of verifying the position of the vessel when off Table Cape. Had this been done the disaster would not have occurred. That, considering the master was responsible for the safe navigation of the ship, and with his knowledge of the coast and the danger of approaching and passing Bull Rock in the darkness, a duty lay upon him to ascertain, after passing Table Cape, whether the vessel was on the course laid off, and in only making a general inquiry from the chief officer at 6.45 p.m. (ten minutes before she struck) as to the vessel's position he failed to discharge that duty, and thus contributed to the loss of the vessel. The Court suspended the master's certificate for six months and that of the chief officer for three months, and they were also ordered to pay part of the cost of the inquiry as follows: The master £10, and the chief officer £3. Leak developed at joint of furnace, back end	J. Mawson.	
.. 30	Mapourika, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	718	50	44	General	Leak in boilers; trifling dam- age	..	Blind Bay ..	S.W.	Light ..	The vessel was in light trim, and when leaving the Wanganui River a sea struck her bow and threw her broadside on towards the north mole, and as there was not sufficient sea room for her to recover she was driven by wind and current on to the south mole, where she struck and became a total wreck. The Court found that no blame was attributable to the master, officers, or pilot. Whilst being towed into harbour the vessel took a sudden sheer to port and went aground before she could be straightened up. The Court found that the stranding was a pure misadventure of the sea, and that the captain and officers were in no way to blame. The vessel has since been refloated	A. L. Gibson.	
Sept. 2	Stormbird, s.s., 62 years	Schooner	129	14	..	General	Stranded; total loss	3	Entrance to Wanganui River	W.N.W.	Fresh breeze			
.. 14	Antiope, 50 years	Barque	1,380	16	..	Timber, &c.	Stranded; par- tial loss	..	Entrance to Bluff Har- bour	S.	Gale ..			F. W. Tellick.
About Sept. 14	Vesper, aux. scoy, 14 years	Schooner	20	3	..	Lime ..	Capsized; dam- age, £400	3	Hauraki Gulf	S.W.	Squally		The vessel was found floating bottom up off Whangapara, Great Barrier Island, on the 19th September. She is supposed to have sprung a leak and capsized. All search possible was made for the missing crew, but without success	G. Davis.

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