

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.	
			Register Tonnage.	Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.			Casualty.	Direction.			Force.
1916.													
Sept. 28	Albany, s.s., 2 years	Schooner	10	5	..	..	Stranded; total loss	..	Near Waikato Heads, Auckland	..	..	Owing to a breakdown in the engine-room the vessel was beached in a safe place and repairs effected, but when being refloated a rope fouled the propeller at a critical moment, and the vessel was caught in the breakers and cast ashore	J. Alexander.
" 30	Rakanos, s.s., 20 years	Schooner	1,393	30	..	General	Fire; slight damage	..	Hauraki Gulf	W.N.W.	Fresh breeze	A fire broke out in the rope-locker when about ten miles out from Auckland. Cause unknown	W. W. Hender.
Oct. 8	Pohorua, s.s., 26 years	Schooner	749	22	..	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	Island Point, off Akaroa Peninsula	N.	Light ..	The stranding was due to a dense fog which obscured the mainland. It might have been avoided if a cast of the lead had been taken	F. H. Edge.
" 20	Vixen, 33 years	Ketch ..	21	3	..	..	Stranded; damage, £300	..	K u a o t u n u, Bay of Plenty	N.W.	Strong..	The vessel was loading when a heavy north-west gale came up and drove her on to the beach. She was afterwards got off and towed to Auckland	E. Donovan.
Nov. 24	Pukapuka, 36 years	Schooner	23	3	..	Sand ..	Stranded; total loss	..	Waiheke Island, Auckland	E.	Strong..	The vessel was loading sand on the beach when the wind changed and drove her on the rocks	A. McDonald.
Dec. 4	Welcome, 14 years	Schooner	25	5	..	..	Stranded; total loss	..	Whakatane..	..	..	When proceeding to sea the vessel was carried out of her course by the current, and her bilge struck the rocks. She filled rapidly, and has become a total wreck	George Page.
" 20	Ripple, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	187	16	1	General	Fire; trifling damage	..	Akitio ..	N.W.	Light ..	A light was taken into the forehold, and an explosion occurred owing to the presence of benzine fumes	J. Carlson.
" 22	Te Aroha, o.e.v., 7 years	Schooner	56	7	..	Coal ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Bar, Wairoa River, Hawke's Bay	N.E.	Strong..	Grounded when crossing the bar owing to insufficiency of water. Refloated on discharging 30 tons of coal	A. McNabb.
" 25	Maitai, s.s., 24 years	Schooner	1,888	94	..	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Anchorage, Rarotonga	N.	Light ..	When anchoring at Avarua, Rarotonga, the cable parted and the vessel drifted ashore on the reef. The Court absolved the master and officers from any blame for the casualty	Chas. McLean.
1917.													
Jan. 1	Toi Toi; 3 years	Ketch ..	4	2	3	..	Collision; trifling damage	..	Port Levy ..	N.E.	Moderate	The vessel collided with a yacht (name unknown) which was anchored in the fairway and showing no light	J. T. Pegley.
" 5	Awahou, s.s., 4 years	Schooner	151	15	..	..	Stranded; no damage	..	Two miles north of Buller River	..	Calm ..	Stranded on the North Beach, Westport, owing to landmarks being obscured by smoke from bush fires	R. Rodger.
" 27	Eileen Ward, s.s., 8 years	Dredge	472	15	..	..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Breakwater, Westport	..	Calm ..	When dredging shallows on the bar she bumped the end of the breakwater and broke some plates	G. A. Simpson.
3	Ngoiro, s.s., 4 years	Ferryboat	139	4	8	..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Auckland Harbour ..	S.E.	Light ..	The vessel struck a reef between Auckland and St. Helier's Bay. Accident due to misty weather	M. Scott.