

Dec. 18	Eileen Ward, s.s., 10 years	Dredge	472	15	..	..	Stranded; no damage	..	Entrance to River	Buller	S.W.	Strong	The dredge was caught by wind and set of current, and grounded near end of break-water	G. A. Simpson.
"	23	Rimu, s.s., 21 years	169	22	..	Produce	Fire; damage, £40	..	Wharf, Onehunga	..	..	Calm	The fire was caused through the second steward going to sleep and leaving a small lamp burning in his cabin, which set fire to some clothes hanging above it	M. Pierotti.
"	24	Aryan (American), 25 years	1,939	22	..	Hemp, tallow, &c.	Fire; total loss ..	8	Lat. 45° S., long. 171° 10' W.	..	N.	Light	Fire was discovered in the flax cargo 'tween decks at 2 a.m. on 24th December, 1918. All efforts failed to extinguish it, and the vessel was abandoned at 11.30 a.m. on the 25th. The crew left in three boats for the Chatham Islands, and Nos. 2 and 3 boats arrived at Kaingaroa, Chathams, on 26th December at 8.30 p.m. No. 1 boat was lost sight of during the night of 25th December, and has not since been heard of. She was in charge of the first mate, and had seven others of the crew on board	H. Larsen.
"	27	Huia, s.s., 41 years	69	9	..	..	Stranded; no damage	..	Farewell Spit	..	..	Calm	On 2nd January, 1919, the "Hinemoa" was despatched from Wellington for the Chathams to make a search for the missing boat. After thoroughly searching the outlying reefs and islands in the vicinity, without success, she returned to Wellington on 13th January, 1919.	C. S. Larsen.
1919.	Jan. 6	Flora, s.s., 36 years	818	34	..	General	Accident to machinery; trifling	..	Auckland Harbour	..	..	..	Vessel stranded in thick weather and heavy rain off S.E. end of Farewell Spit on ebb-tide. Floated off on rising tide	E. Vellenoweth.
"	24	Mahe, o.e.v., 4 years	14	3	..	Wool	Capsized; damage, £1,200	2	Bar, Waitara River	..	S.W.	Cale	High-pressure-valve casing blew out, and vessel returned to Auckland for repairs	J. M. Roberts.
Feb. 1	Autea, s.s., 20 years	Cutter ..	157	14	60	General	Stranded; trifling accident; no damage	..	Kaipara River	..	..	..	The bar was signalled "dangerous," and the master of the vessel, when approaching, took a turn round to observe the conditions. When doing so the vessel was caught by two heavy seas in succession which caused her to broach to, and a third heavy sea capsized her, and the master and engineer were drowned. The Court exonerated the master from blame	G. H. Sellars.
"	16	Te Aroha, aux., o.e.v.	56	7	12	General and horses	Damaged propeller and shaft, £20	..	Wairoa River, Hawke's Bay	Hawke's	E.	Light	The vessel ran on a mud-bank in the river owing to the strong current catching her on the bow	A. Taylor.
Mar. 19	Atua, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	1,895	78	..	Ballast..	Accident to machinery; trifling	..	Lat. 34° 45' S., long. 175° 5' E.	..	..	..	Struck some submerged object in the river, probably a log	J. Stringer.
"	20	Huia, aux.	199	10	..	Explosives	Damaged rigging, £350	..	20 miles off Cape Schanck, Victoria	..	S.W.	Gale	Fracture of expansion bend, and break in main steampipe	T. H. E. Lane.
"	23	Kamona, s.s., 22 years	709	25	..	Coal	Accident to machinery; slight damage	..	Westport	..	..	Calm	A sudden heavy squall caused the loss of bowsprit, jibboom, and lower topsail yard, and also sprung foretopmast	Jas. Rankin.
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