

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Regis- tered.	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.			Dirac- tion.	Force.		
1920. Aug. 6	Te Teko, aux., 6 years	56	8	..	General	Stranded; total loss	1	South-east end of Slip- per Island	N.E.	Gale ..	Vessel ran ashore and became a total wreck. The Court found that the stranding was caused by a strong set towards the coast and that the casualty could not reasonably have been avoided	E. Sellars.
" 13	Cygnets, s.s., 35 years	66	9	..	General	Leaking	..	Off Point Gibson, Gore Bay	S.W.	Gale ..	Whilst lying at the wharf, Kaikoura, a heavy south-west gale came up, and the "Cygnets," was compelled to make for Lyttelton for safety. Owing to the heavy bumping against the wharf at Kaikoura she was leaking badly, and had to be towed into port by the tug "Lyttelton"	..
" 15	Rakanoa s.s., 25 years	1,366	30	100	Sugar ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Lat. 17° 2' S., long. 178° 42' E.	N.	Light ..	Touched patch of coral in Vuya Passage, Fiji, landmarks being obscured by rain	E. J. M. Apple- yard.
" 17	Oban, o.e.v., 23 years	21	3	..	Coal ..	Collision; slight damage	..	3 miles off Waikato, Golden Bay, Nelson	S.	Light	The Court found that the master of the "Oban" was in fault in not keeping a proper look- out, and that the master of the "Vindex," approaching the "Oban," did not give sufficient sea room to allow for emergencies. They were ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry in equal shares	J. M. Reeves.
" 17	Vindex, o.e.v., 23 years	16	3	..	..	Collision; slight damage	..					W. J. Tregidga.
" 18	Canadian Exporter, s.s., new	3,384	43	..	General	Fire; no damage to ship	..	Lat. 48° 10' N., long. 125° W.	N.W.	Light ..	Whilst on passage from Vancouver to Union Bay, B.C., fire was discovered in coal-bunker and was apparently extinguished. After leaving Victoria, B.C., for Auckland, fire again appeared in wooden bulkhead and was finally extinguished	W. Bradley.
" 19	Fairburn, aux., 14 years	58	6	..	General	Damaged rigging, £100	..	Hicks Bay	S.S.E.	Gale ..	Whilst vessel was at Hicks Bay the wind suddenly shifted and she had to beat to sea. In lifting anchor windlass carried away, anchor and chain being lost, and a heavy squall striking the vessel carried away the mainmast and sails	S. Hakanson.
" 27	Tasman, s.s., 17 years	87	14	2	General	Stranded; dam- age, £60	..	Whakatane Harbour	S.W.	Light ..	Vessel struck Pipe Beacon Rock when leaving harbour and broke rudder and a propeller- blade	F. G. Shirley.
" 27	Altair, 17 years ..	57	2	..	..	Collision; no dam- age to ship	..	Off Albert Wharf, Auckland	W.	Squally	The scow "Alert" weighed anchor to be towed to the wharf, but before the tug reached her a heavy squall caused her to drift down on the "Altair" and carried away the latter's spare anchor	J. Jackson.
" 30	Ohinemuri, s.s., 29 years	73	9	..	..	Boiler-plate blown out; damage, £250	..	Kaipara Bar	..	..	Hole blew out in combustion-chamber	E. Sellars.
Sept. 4	Jubilee, aux., 23 years	90	10	7	General	Probably foundered	17	In vicinity of Nine Island	..	..	The "Jubilee" left Auckland on 15th August, 1920, for Nine Island, where she was due on 4th September. A heavy cyclonic storm arose on that day, accompanied by water- spouts, and it is supposed the vessel was lost in the storm	W. H. Cham- pion.