

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg. No.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1923. July 15	Lena, o.e.v., 16 years	Ketch ..	3	2	Firewood, 23 tons	Stranded	..	Great Omaha, North Auckland	E.	8	Vessel was blown out of Catherine Bay and had to heave to, and subsequently drifted into Omaha, touching spit on entering, carrying away rudder-gudgeon and stripping some sheathing	Frank Wills.
"	Tuhoe, o.e.v., 4 years	F. and A.	98	8	General, 150 tons	Collision ..	..	Whangarei ..	N.	Calm ..	When passing under railway-bridge vessel collided with it, breaking off the jib-boom, also the stock of the port anchor	R. McKinnon.
"	Storm s.s., 19 years	Schooner	186	15	General, 200 tons	Touched ground; damaged rolling-chock	..	Entrance, Piler Channel, Wanganui River	..	Light (1)	When proceeding up river vessel dragged, but did not lose way; however, about 15 ft. of starboard rolling-chock was torn from the angle-iron and rolled back to abreast of bridge	R. O. Manson.
Aug. 2	Paroto, o.e.v., 8 years	F. and A.	48	7	General, 10 tons	Stranded; £20 damage	..	Slipper Island	S.W.	Light ..	On way to Auckland vessel touched a rock and remained fast for five minutes, when she was pushed off by sounding-poles and proceeded to Auckland under sail and port engine, the starboard one being unworkable	E. H. Cathcart.
"	Karaka, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	9	5	..	Fire; £400 damage	..	Bluff	..	Calm ..	Fire broke out on starboard side of engine-room, apparently near dynamo, which was badly damaged	George West.
"	Swazzi, s.s., 22 years	Schooner	3,174	67	General	Fire ..	..	Lat. 36° S., long. 160° E.	S.E.	Strong	Fire was discovered in lower cross-bunker, which was full, and water was played thereon and coal worked to stokehold, and seat of fire discovered on 13th at 1 a.m. and put out	J. H. Rutter.
"	Swazzi, s.s., 22 years	Schooner	3,174	67	General	Fire ..	..	Bay of Plenty	S.W.	Strong	Fresh outbreak of fire discovered in cross-bunker which was finally extinguished on the 23rd instant	J. H. Rutter.
"	Muritai, s.s., 6 months	..	199	8	..	Collision ..	..	Wellington Harbour..	S.W.	8-9	When "Muritai" was manœuvring stern first from Eastbourne Ferry Wharf she attempted to come ahead and turn to starboard, but starboard engine failed to go ahead, resulting in her sheering towards "Naringa," striking her abreast after hatch, severely denting the plating, knocking out rivets, and bending frames, &c.	Reginald Bar- gent.
"	Naringa, s.s., 4 months	Schooner	4,117	89	General	Collision ..	..	..	..	..	Jowelpin in inner crank-shaft found to be working out, and was forced back into position by screw-jack and wedges and secured by tap-bolt, but some hours after wards pin was found to be crushing to pieces, therefore speed reduced to dead slow and tug asked for	A. F. Andreason.
"	Waimarino, s.s., 22 years	Schooner	2,712	41	Coal, 6,000 tons	Jowelpin worked out	..	Lat. 46° 9' S., long. 166° 25½' E.	E.S.E.	2-3	Jowelpin in inner crank-shaft found to be working out, and was forced back into position by screw-jack and wedges and secured by tap-bolt, but some hours after wards pin was found to be crushing to pieces, therefore speed reduced to dead slow and tug asked for	P.S. Molyneux.