

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Register Tonnage.	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.			Dirac-tion.	Force.		
1925. July 16	Daphne, s.s., 3 years	100	14	8		General, 10 tons	Broken top-washer-high-pressure valve	..	Great Barrier Island..	S.	Breeze	Owing to the top-washer of the high-pressure valve breaking the rings got damaged, necessitating temporary repairs being effected, after which vessel proceeded to Auckland	E. H. S. Goertz.
" 16	Herald, sail, 28 years	73	4	..		Fencing-posts, 1,300	Stranded..	..	Matapouri Bay ..	E.N.E.	9	Owing to wind freshening vessel dragged her anchor and went ashore on beach carrying away her deadwood and rudder-post, but she was subsequently towed to Whangarei, where temporary repairs were effected, enabling her to proceed to Auckland	Edward Sellars.
" 17	Muritai, s.s., 3 years	199	8	..		..	Stranded..	..	Wellington Harbour ..	S.E.	Light ..	The port tail-shaft, which was clamped, slipped out of the tube, causing a big inflow of water, necessitating her being beached, where she was plugged and pumped out	Charles C. Bullock.
" 19	Ionic, s.s., 23 years	7,623	175	1		Frozen produce, &c.	Collision	..	Lyttelton Harbour ..	Calm	..	When the "Lyttelton" was running alongside the "Ionic" to take tow-line the tug got rather close, resulting in the wash from the "Ionic" drawing her in and striking, damaging the starboard quarter of the "Ionic"	Alex. E. Jackson.
" 19	Lyttelton (Tug), s.s., 18 years	1	8	..		..		..					Andrew Brodie.
" 20	Te Pioneer, s.s., 15 years	25	1	..		..	Fire ..	..	Dargaville ..	Calm	..	A fire broke out on the starboard side of the engine-room near the boilers from forepart of boiler to after part of cabin, but the cause of the fire could not be ascertained	John F. Anderson.
" 22	Fairburn, aux., 14 years	60	5	..		..	Stranded, £200 damage	..	Off Whale Island ..	N.N.E.	Gale ..	After leaving Whakatane, master anchored under lee of Whale Island for shelter, but owing to bad holding-ground the anchors dragged and he decided to put to sea, which he found could not be done, as vessel being light, and engines racing owing to big seas, vessel was driven on the beach	A. J. Teixeira.
" 28	Ruapehu, s.s., 24 years	5,798	112	..		Frozen, about 2,200 tons	Stranded..	..	Wanganui ..	N.W.	1-2	When picking up anchorage the vessel, owing to haze dimming front shore lights, grounded on silt-bank, but came off in about an hour without sustaining apparent damage	A. W. McKellar.
" 23	Mahi, aux., 22 years	6	2	..		..	Stranded, £200 damage	..	Bay of Plenty ..	N.W.	Gale ..	During north-west gale the vessel would not lie at anchor owing to one anchor having been lost and to the other failing to hold although assisted by engine, thus compelling master to beach the vessel to prevent her being wrecked on a rocky shore	M. W. T. Lane.
Aug. 3	Matangi, s.s., 17 years	635	38	58		General, about 250 tons	Damaged steering-gear; £5 damage	..	Hauraki Gulf ..	S.S.W.	Fresh ..	The lever control-valve of the engine of the steering-gear was found to be broken, and as there were no spare parts on board the vessel was put back to Auckland for repairs	E. Dorling.