

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Registered 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.			Direction.	Force.		
1925. Sept. 9	Kosmo, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	3,194	72	..	General, 5,224 tons	Fire ..	..	Lat. 35°05' S., long. 161°04' W.	W. by N.	11	Fire broke out in No. 4 shelter-deck, involving wooden bulkhead between said deck and bunker, and several cases of cargo; but the outbreak was extinguished by ship's hose, and evidently had its origin in heated coal setting alight the bulkhead	G. Shinney.
" 9	Kent, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	5,444	51	..	General, 5,000 tons	Fire ..	..	Auckland Harbour ..	S.W.	5	At 5 a.m. fire broke out in No. 2 'tween decks port side; but, as it was impossible to reach fire through the hold, holes were cut in the ship's side, and the fire was extinguished at 3 a.m. next day	M. M. Downton.
" 15	Loyalty, s.s., 48 years	..	24	..	..	..	Foundered	..	Bluff ..	Calm	..	The Bluff Harbour Board's diver was conducting blasting operations with gelatine in the vicinity of the "Loyalty," and the explosion evidently blew a hole in her bottom, causing her to sink in three minutes. She had been out of commission some time	..
" 15	Awahou, s.s., 15 years	Schooner	151	17	..	Sheep, 763	Collision, damage £25	..	Gisborne ..	W.	Light	Owing to the tide catching the "Awahou," too little room at bend of river, and to presence of mud, she sheered when leaving the harbour and bumped one of the Harbour Board's mud-barges, damaging 10 ft. of belting	G. A. Nairn.
" 22	Putiki, s.s., 21 years	Schooner	168	17	..	50 tons maize	} Collision	..	Gisborne ..	W.	Strong	When the "Putiki" was leaving her berth she bumped into the "Tiroa," damaging the rail and bulwarks of the latter on the port quarter	H. E. Smith.
" 22	Tiroa, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	93	10	..	30 tons general..		..	..	..	..	When the "Putiki" was leaving her berth she bumped into the "Tiroa," damaging the rail and bulwarks of the latter on the port quarter	L. D. Clark.
" 23	Cobar, s.s., 22 years	Schooner	69	5	40	..		..	Wellington ..	W.	6	When approaching Rona Bay wharf the heaving-line missed the wharf and the engines were put full astern, but she touched forward, and her stern was blown round by a heavy squall, and she grounded	Edward Carter.
" 23	Will Watch, aux., 30 years	Schooner	48	..	..	General	Anchor and sails carried away	..	Off Tokomaru Bay ..	N.	Gale	Whilst at anchor the port anchor carried away, and also the main and the mizzen sail, after which the vessel was taken in tow by the "Mako," but when the starboard anchor was being heaved up it slipped from the windlass and was lost	G. M. Smart.
" 26	Tui, s.s., — years	Cutter ..	3	2	..	..	Stranded; £10 damage	..	Hauraki Gulf	S.W.	Gale	In attempting to tow barque "Daphne" to safe anchorage at Tiri Tiri, the arm of the tiller slipped, causing loss of control of tug, which drifted ashore	K. W. Larsen.
" 27	Gale, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	287	17	..	General, 500 tons	Stranded; no damage	..	Wanganui River ..	W.	Strong	When proceeding up the river vessel grounded in the channel abreast of No. 5 pile at Mitchell's Reach, where, after being lightened, she floated off apparently undamaged	Chas. E. Good-year.