

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg. Tonnage.	Big.	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. Nov. 23	Ihumata, s.s., 14 years	653	Schooner	23	..	Coal, &c., 1,140 tons	Struck submerged ob- ject	..	Lat. 353.3° S., long. 159.22° E.	N.E.	Light breeze	On voyage from Newcastle to Wanganui the vessel twice hit a submerged object, which stopped the engines and stripped about 12 in. of one propeller-blade and slightly chipped another, but did not retard the speed of the vessel	C. W. Ostenfeld.
"	Waiotahi, s.s., 34 years	168	Schooner	19	1	Case cargo, 50 tons; cattle, 5 head	Starboard low-pres-sure piston cylin-der carried away	..	Hauraki Gulf	S.W.	4	Whilst on a voyage to Auckland from Whanga-rei the piston of starboard low-pressure cylinder carried away, and, before the engine could be stopped, smashed the top and side of the cylinder	John Wilson.
"	Progress, s.s., X— years	181	Schooner	12	..	Produce, 250 tons	Stranded..	..	Kaipara River	N.W.	Light ..	After passing Te Kopuru Wharf the vessel ran over apparently soft shingle, causing her to heel over slightly to starboard, but apparently doing no damage	H. L. Hay.
Dec. 4	Karanga, s.s., 4 years	1,726	Schooner	28	..	Coal and timber, 3,420 tons	Stranded..	..	Port Stephen, Australia	N.	1-2	When leaving port the vessel grounded on a 15 ft. patch inside Takaba Head, but re-floated after five hours, and proceeded to Dunedin, where she was surveyed and found to have sustained no damage	David Harkness.
"	Pakura, s.s., 4 years	304	Schooner	17	..	Wool, 300 tons..	Broken piston-rod..	..	Akitio, New Zealand..	W.	Moderate gale	When heaving in starboard anchor the port piston-rod of windless broke, knocking out the end of the cylinder	C. W. Coldicutt.
"	Gabriella, s.s., 5 years	946	Schooner	24	..	Coal, &c., 2,000 tons	Grounded	..	Wanganui ..	W.S.W.	4	Whilst entering the river and steering as directed by semaphore from Castlecliff Pilot-station, the vessel took the ground about 200 ft. inside the moles, and was re-floated next day, but after proceeding 1,000 ft. again grounded, but on neither occasion sustained damage	R. Matheson.
"	Kestrel, ferry s.s., 20 years	159	..	4	20	..	} Collision	..	Auckland Harbour ..	..	Calm	The Court found that the master of the "Kestrel" fell asleep while in charge, his condition being due to home troubles result-ing in his being overtired; that the collision was due to fault of said master in not in-forming his owners that he was unfit for duty, and thus risking lives of passengers; that he be ordered to pay £5 towards costs, and that his certificate be suspended for three months; and the Court further held that during night trips the mate should be required to keep a lookout	J. C. Douglas.
"	Wanganui, hulk..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..
"	Fairburn, aux., 19 years	60	Ketch ..	6	..	Timber and gene-ral, 90 tons	Fire ..	..	Off Cape Runaway ..	W.	Fresh breeze	Smoke was seen coming from under deck cargo, consisting of timber, a spark from engine probably igniting old benzine-tank stowed on top of timber; but the fire was extin-guished by a few buckets of water	W. H. Sawyers
"	Kaitangata, s.s., 18 years	1,195	F. and A.	30	..	Coal, 2,466 tons	Struck submerged ob-ject; £140 damage	..	Greymouth...	N.	..	Vessel's engines were going full speed to hold ship to wharf during heavy flood in Grey River, and it is surmised that vessel's pro-peller was struck by a snag or log coming down in the flood	A. Reed.