

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.		
1926. Jan. 29	Canadian Challenger s.s., 4½ years	..	5,331	34	..	General, tons	Leaking ..	..	Lat. 28-4° N., long. 70-10° W.	..	Gale ..	From date to 5th February vessel encountered heavy gales and high seas, in which she strained heavily, causing leakage of fuel oil from various tanks	W. B. Armit.
31	Ngahau, aux., 5 years	Schooner	21	6	..	In ballast	Injured engine ..	..	Off Cape Stevens	S.E.	Variable	When bound to Croickelles from Wellington the after head on port engine developed a crack, and vessel was headed towards Nelson for repairs	G. H. King.
Feb. 1	Tuatea, s.s., 21 years	Cutter ..	58	5	29	..	Struck breakwater	..	Gisborne ..	W.	Light ..	The Master mistook a bright bicycle-light on the breakwater for white light on end of groyne, and, before he discovered his error and vessel had gone astern sufficiently, the stern struck the breakwater a glancing blow damaging former and tearing away sheath to the value of £50	John H. Hawkes.
1	Mana, s.s., 40 years	Schooner	76	10	..	Frozen mutton	} Collision	..	Wanganui Roadstead	W.	Moderate	The "Mana" was lightering the "Port Hunter" when, owing to the heavy swell, the mainmast of the "Mana" caught on the fish-plate on the starboard bow of the "Port Hunter," breaking the bolt on the mast and damaging the mast and rigging to the value of £1 10s.	D. Bonner.
4	Port Hunter, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	5,296	..	..	..		..					..
4	City of Norwich, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	4,346	66	..	General, tons	Fire; slight damage	..	Lat. 34° S., long. 152° 30' W.	N.E.	5	Smoke was observed issuing from No. 6 hold ventilator, starboard side aft, and hatch was opened and two leads of hose and quantities of sand played on fire until extinguished	Lidstone Adams
10	Cygnnet, s.s., 41 years	Schooner	70	10	..	General and coal, 22 tons	Condensor-door cracked	..	Kaikoura ..	W.	Light ..	It was discovered that the condensor-door was cracked, which was caused by the main discharge-pipe being blocked with ashes and other matter floating in harbour	W. Williamson.
16	Marama, s.s., 19 years	Schooner	3,992	129	107	General, tons	Engine trouble	..	Prince's Wharf, Auckland	S.W.	2	After vessel was berthed, the Chief Engineer reported that rocking-shaft bearings on port engine had carried away, caused probably by pump getting sudden rush of water.	H. W. W. Bold
17	Kaimanawa, s.s., 17 years	Steamer	2,416	27	..	..	Plate dented	..	Auckland ..	S.	4	Whilst moving slowly alongside wharf one of the spring piles caught under sheer-strake plate, starting some rivets and slightly denting plate below	D. McDonald.
26	Kurnalpi, s.s., 20 years	Schooner	298	17	..	General, 80 tons	Struck submerged object	..	Bay of Islands	Var.	2	When just clear of Red Head the vessel scraped a submerged object, which appeared to give with the ship and did not diminish her head-way; no damage was done, as soundings in bilges and tanks showed them to be quite dry	George Atwood.
28	Karu, aux., 25 years	Schooner	197	12	..	Timber, 184,000 ft.	Stranded; total loss £5,000	2	Twilight Bay, Cape Maria Van Dieman	S.S.W.	9	The Court found that the casualty was caused by the vessel striking some object on the bar as she came from Whangape Harbour; that the vessel was seaworthy and well found; and that Frank Saunders and Roy Ravenswood lost their lives by drowning when endeavouring to get ashore from the wreck. The Court ordered that the Master's certificate be returned, and made no order as to costs	J. W. R. Richmond.