

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM 1ST APRIL, 1926, TO 31ST MARCH, 1927.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
									Direction.	Force.		
1925. Nov. 14	Fetu Ao, aux., 20 years	Ketch ..	22	6	Nil	General, 7 tons	..	Fakaofu, Tokelau Is-land	Calm	..	Vessel arrived off Takaofu, Union Islands, to load, and, according to custom, as no anchorage was available, lay off and on at night. Inquiry shows that vessel was set on shore by contrary currents and became a total loss	H. Van de Made.
1926. April 2	King Malcolm, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	3, 128	43	Nil	Basic slag, 5,000 tons	..	Between Antwerp and New Zealand	S.W.	Gale ..	During heavy S.W. gale a number of rivets became loose, bilges making water, and cargo was damaged	W. M. Davies.
April 10	Progress, s.s., 44 years	Schooner	181	12	Nil	Timber, 140,000 sq. ft.	..	Hokianga Heads, N.Z.	Calm	..	While leaving Hokianga and rounding up between the North and South Heads, vessel bumped slightly before reaching bar. No damage to ship or cargo	H. L. Hay.
April 11	Holmwood, sail, 26 years	Schooner	696	15	Nil	Coal, 530 tons ..	pile No. 29	Wanganni River, N.Z.	Calm	..	When being towed by s.s. "John" into Wanganni River and when abreast of the moles, towline parted. Port anchor was let go, when "Holmwood" lost steerage-way. Fresh towline passed off port bow ahead to s.s. "John," and anchor hove up, but the "John" swung down-stream with ebb tide and "Holmwood" bumped her stern on pile No. 29. Damage to "Holmwood's" rudder estimated at £400	A. H. Gifford.
April 24	Marama, s.s., 18 years	F. and A.	3, 992	131	285	General, 1,395 tons	Valve-spindle carried away	Tasman Sea, lat. 36-7° S., long. 158-33° E.	N.N.W.	Rough ..	Intermediate valve-spindle carried away on starboard engine. New valve-spindle fitted, and proceeded on voyage full speed	E. A. William-son.
May 11	Piri, o.e.v., 9 years	Topsail schooner	114	12	Nil	Shingle, 100 tons	Explosion	Off Cape Runaway, N.Z.	W.N.W.	Moderate	After starting main engines explosion occurred in secondary silencer, blowing out sides and bottom of same and causing slight fire, which was immediately extinguished	W. C. H. Watt.
May 12	Tuhoe, o.e.v., 7 years	F. and A.	97	8	Nil	Coal, 50 tons ..	Starboard bracket broken	Awanni River, N.Z. ..	N.W.	Slight ..	While discharging coal the starboard bracket sat on a mud-bank. Next day found bracket bent and broken	C. W. Cumming.
May 13	Komata, s.s., 19 years	Schooner	1, 294	33	Nil	Coal, 2,700 tons	Grounded	Westport Harbour, N.Z.	S.W.	Moderate	While berthed at the Crane Wharf it was found at low water that the stern of the vessel was resting on a shingle patch, 18 ft. of water over it. Vessel's draught when loaded, 18 ft. 6 in.	J. Rankine.
May 13	Clansman, s.s., 42 years	Schooner	335	26	17	General, 30 tons	Smashed lifeboat ..	Opua, N.Z. ..	N.W.	Calm ..	While coaling the crane fell inboard, smashed No. 1 lifeboat, starboard derrick, rail, and other minor damage	E. J. Keatley.
May 15	Hawera, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	92	10	Nil	General, 5 tons	Struck wharf ..	Wanganni River, N.Z.	S.	Light ..	While going down river to Castlecliff Wharf and on nearing same, the s.s. "John" was proceeding up the river, to clear her carried too much way, and came alongside with glancing blow, doing slight damage to upper part of stern	A. McKinnon.