

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	Kig.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passen- gers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Dirac- tion.	Force		
1926. July 1	Pakura, s.s., 4 years	304	Schooner	17	Nil	General, 160 tons	Grounded	..	Gisborne, N.Z.	S.W.	Fresh ..	When entering Gisborne River in tow of the tug "Pelican," vessel sheered to starboard, and the starboard bilge struck a bank about 200 ft. inside and opposite the breakwater, causing slight damage	C. W. Coldicott.
July 9	Fairburn, o.e.v., 20 years	60	Schooner	6	Nil	General, 30 tons	Fire ..	..	Karamea Bight, N.Z.	Calm	..	Engineer was testing a spark-plug of the benzine electric-light engine; the spark-plug being unscrewed but connected and lying on the engine, it ignited some benzine spilt on the engine. Fire put out promptly; no damage	W. H. Sawyers.
July 10	Teine Vineula, aux., 8 years	79	Schooner	6	10	General, 13 tons	Total loss	..	Nukunonu, Union Is-lands	N.E.	2	While on a voyage from Atafu to Nukunonu, went ashore on reef. Evidence at preliminary inquiry stated Island of Nukunonu wrongly charted. Ship abandoned after eighty days' attempt to refloat. Cargo salvaged with exception of two bales of wool	G. H. George.
July 11	Pahiki, sail, 21 years	20	Schooner	3	Nil	Shingle, 40 tons	Sunk at anchor	..	Hauraki Gulf, N.Z. ..	N.E.	Gale ..	Sunk at anchor during gale. Accident could not have been avoided, as vessel was down to her marks and cargo shifted while trying to straighten the cargo up. No damage. Vessel raised next day, and cargo landed in Auckland	J. Grogan.
July 11	Kanona, s.s., 25 years	903	F. and A.	25	Nil	Coal, 1,897 tons	Fire ..	..	Greymouth, N.Z. ..	E.S.E.	3	While lying at wharf, smoke was found issuing from No. 1 hatch. Hatch opened up and fire extinguished by ship's fire-hose. No damage	G. B. Hoddington.
July 12	Kawan, s.s., 35 years	37	Schooner	5	Nil	Nil	Broken mast	..	Foveaux Strait, Ruarupuke Island, N.Z.	E.N.E.	Breeze	Accident caused through snapping of a link of the chain attaching the rigging to mast. The dredger is towed at the side of the vessel from a yard-arm supported by the mast. When the dredger fouled a rock, the rigging snapped at the chain, making the mast take the full strain. Casualty purely accidental, £10 damage	J. I. F. Nixey.
July 15	Kawan, s.s., 35 years	37	Schooner	5	Nil	..	..	..	..	N.E.	Moderate	Both steamers were dredging for oysters close together off Ruapuke Island. While the dredgers were being hauled up a proper lookout was not maintained, there being no man at the wheel on either vessel. This appears to be a dangerous practice. When trouble was imminent, the "Kawan" was sent astern, but the reversing-gear of the "Dispatch" jammed. Damage to "Dispatch," £10; "Kawan" undamaged	J. I. F. Nixey.
July 15	Dispatch, s.s., 43 years	9	Schooner	5	Nil	Nil	Collision ..	..	Foveaux Strait, Ruarupuke Island, N.Z.	N.E.	..		A. W. Rouse.