

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Register Tonnage	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.		
1927. Feb. 12	Oreti, s.s., 26 years	Schooner	72	10	7	General, 5 tons	Bumped bar	Nil	New River, N.Z.	S.W.	4	Outward-bound vessel took her usual course over the bar, in accordance with semaphore direction made by the Harbourmaster. Vessel bumped on bar twice. Upon docking at Port Chalmers it was found that the brass shoe carrying the lower bearing pintle had broken away; a new shoe was cast and a fresh pintle fitted	F. Mackenzie.
Feb. 14	Express, s.s., 45 years	Schooner	36	4	Nil	4 cwt. fish	Shipped water and leaking badly	Nil	Six miles off Otago Heads	S.W.	7-8	When taking in trawl, vessel rolled heavily, causing water to come in freely through topsides in bunkers below deck line and copper sheathing. As vessel was leaking badly, made for Port Chalmers, and just managed to reach port under her own steam	W. J. Anderson.
Feb. 16	Wainui, s.s., 41 years	Schooner	411	32	31	General, 408 tons	Wasted plate	Nil	Between Auckland and Tokomaru Bay	E.	2	Forecabin steward reported water in forward storeroom, and on investigation being made one of the plates on forward starboard side was found to be rusted through	G. A. Grey.
Feb. 27	Cygnnet, s.s., 42 years	Schooner	69	10	Nil	General, 30 tons	Grounded	Nil	Motunau Reef, off N.Z.	S.W.	Strong	While on a voyage from Wellington to Lyttelton vessel grounded on Motunau Reef. Cause of casualty was on account of ship being navigated too close to the outliers of Motunau Island. Weather conditions and visibility very bad at the time. Ship grounded for four minutes only. Slight damage to ship	L. Larsen.
Mar. 7	Ahuriri, s.s., 40 years Elsie Mary, o.e.v., 26 years	Ketch .. Schooner	33 60	4 7	Nil Nil	Nil .. Coal, 129 tons ..	Collision	Nil	Hauraki Gulf, N.Z.	..	..	Court delivered an oral judgment to the effect that cause of collision was that the "Ahuriri" did not have a light showing, as required by the Collision Regulations, and that collision was due to very great carelessness on the part of that vessel. The Court ordered the master and owner of the "Ahuriri" to pay a sum of £24 to cover the cost of the inquiry, and £5 5s. to each of the other parties, making a total of £34 10s.	J. Neal. J. P. Owen.
Mar. 23	Kaitangata, s.s., 20 years	Schooner	1,195	32	Nil	General, 1,400 tons	Small hole in plating	Nil	Lat. 36-40° S., long. 159-50° E., Tasman Sea	N.W.	4	Chief engineer reported water making in engine-room bilges, starboard side. A small hole was found in steel plating. Wooden plug fitted. No damage	A. B. Sizer.
Mar. 30	Wetere, s.s., 13 years	F. and A.	45	8	Nil	Timber, 17,000 ft.	Grounded	Nil	Mokau River bar, N.Z.	S.W.	Light ..	Vessel grounded in taking the Mokau bar, owing to shoaling up of sand in the channel. Apparently unavoidable. Slight damage to vessel.	T. Henderson.