

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.	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.		
1927. June 17	Melville, o.e.v., 15 years	..	3	3	..	..	Fire: total loss	..	Hokianga Harbour, N.Z.	E.	Light	..	Launch high and dry. Master went into engine-room with lighted lamp, when explosion took place and fire broke out. Used fire-extinguishers, but of no avail. Vessel totally burnt	G. Wright.
June 20	Makura, s.s., 19 years	F. and A.	4,921	166	201	210 tons general	Leaking	..	Cook Strait, N.Z.	E.	8	..	On taking soundings at 7 a.m., 14 ft. 6 in. of water was found in No. 1 hold; all other compartments dry. Easterly gale with heavy sea experienced on 19th instant, and rivets were presumably started in the pounding of a head sea. No cargo in hold. Slight damage to ship	J. Mawson.
June 20	Waikouaiti, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	2,379	42	..	General	Struck wharf	..	Dunedin, N.Z.	N.E.	6	..	When approaching wharf, vessel took a sheer against her helm. Starboard anchor let go and engines put astern, but owing to strong wind and effect of tide, vessel struck wharf before she could be straightened up. Shell-plating pierced below port house-pipe and frame damaged	A. B. Sizer.
July 5	Tekoa, 5 years	Schooner	5,328	51	..	2,500 tons general	Grounded	..	Lyttelton, N.Z.	W.	4½	..	When leaving Lyttelton, too wide a sweep was taken, causing vessel to take the bottom for about twenty minutes, but without any damage to prevent her proceeding on her voyage to Dunedin	H. Barnett.
July 9	Sierra, o.e.v., 12 years	..	5	1	3	Mail	..	..	..	..	..	..	Both vessels approaching wharf at reduced speed, and did not see each other until contact, owing to misty rain. Damage to "Victory" about £25; no damage to "Sierra"	S. H. Watkins.
July 9	Victory, o.e.v., 16 years	..	3	1	..	..	Collision	..	Hokianga River, N.Z.	N.E.	Gale	..	Damage to propeller-blade	J. Watkins.
July 10	Canadian Seigneur, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	3,554	42	..	4,000 tons general	Lost propeller-blade	..	Lat. 36° 5' S., long. 178° 3' E. off N.Z. coast	N.	Gale	..	An abnormal shock was felt, and on investigation it was found that vessel had cast a	W. G. McConnechy.
July 26	Kaitoke, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	1,862	39	..	4,339 tons coal and timber	Steering-chain carried away	..	4 miles off North Cape, N.Z.	N.W.	Moderate	..	At 10.20 p.m. port steering-chain on main deck carried away. Hand gear brought into operation, and repairs effected by 11.26 p.m.	F. L. G. Jaunay.
Aug. 12	Isabella de Fraine, o.e.v., 25 years	F. and A.	76	8	..	25 tons general	Damaged port bulwarks	..	Hokianga, N.Z.	S.W.	Light	..	While crossing outwards over Hokianga bar a blind roller caught vessel, damaging the port bulwarks	J. R. Kennedy.
Aug. 12	Tutoe, o.e.v., 8 years	Schooner	98	8	..	1½ tons general	Fouled a bridge	..	Whangarei, N.Z.	S.W.	Light	..	While working through the bridge at Whangarei the smoke from engine-exhaust obscured the vision and vessel got too close to bridge before action could be taken. Bowsprit carried away	F. G. Shirley.
Aug. 16	Norna, o.e.v., 5 years	Yawl	8	3	..	..	Foundered	..	Pencarrow Heads, N.Z.	N.W.	Light	..	On passing Barrett's Reef vessel struck a submerged object and sunk shortly after in about 10 fathoms of water. She was subsequently refloated and repaired	A. G. Tait.