

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.	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.		
1928. April 20	Aratapu, o.e.v., 50 years	68	9	..	Ballast	Foresail and staysail carried away	..	5 miles off Farewell Spit, N.Z.	W.S.W.	8	During a strong west-south-west gale the fore-sail and staysail carried away. No other damage to ship	F. Henderson.
April 21	Echo, o.e.v., 23 years	99	10	..	6 tons general	Cracked cylinder	..	Wellington, N.Z.	Calm	..	When leaving Wellington for Blenheim it was found that the forward cylinder of the port engine was cracked	F. Radford.
April 21	Gale, s.s., 9 years	287	17	..	..	Anchor-chain parted	..	Off Wanganui, N.Z.	W.	6	While vessel was being towed from Wanganui to Wellington by the s.s. "Terawhiti," the tow-line parted. Anchors were dropped, but the starboard anchor-chain parted near the 30-fathom shackle. Vessel subsequently picked up by the tug "Kahanui" and towed to Wellington	C. V. Stanich.
April 24	Fairburn, o.e.v., 22 years	59	6	..	110 tons general	Engine trouble	..	Wellington, N.Z.	Calm	..	While berthing at Taranaki Street Wharf, and going astern, the thrust-shaft of the star-board engine carried away	W. H. Savyers.
April 28	Sneaker, o.e.v., 34 years	6	2	..	..	Explosion	..	Off Black Rock, Fo-veux Strait, N.Z.	S.	Light	Accident caused by explosion of petrol-fumes. Ship damaged to the extent of about £100	M. P. Patuki.
April 30	Taniwha, s.s., 30 years	191	15	6	100 tons general	Struck swing-span of bridge	..	Kapu Bridge, Waikou River, N.Z.	E.	Light	Apparently a squall swung upper end of swing-span of the bridge on the river out of line causing the vessel to strike it when passing, and doing damage to the vessel's navigation-bridge and carrying away the rigging and forestays	J. Freeman.
April 30	Ngatea, s.s., 49 years	6	..	..	..	Foundered	..	Auckland, N.Z.	N.	Light	Vessel sunk at her moorings. When refloated, could not find any trace of a leak. No crew on board at the time. Accident unac-counted for	P. Baron.
April 30	Maggie, o.e.v., 26 years	6	2	..	35 tons sand	Foundered	..	Auckland, N.Z.	E.	Gale	Vessel dragged her anchors owing to stress of weather, and battered herself against stone breastwork, causing her to leak and founder. Vessel subsequently refloated	W. W. Ashby.
April 30	Pahiki, sail, 23 years	20	2	..	Sand	Foundered	..	Auckland, N.Z.	E.	Gale	Vessel started to leak through bumping along-side breastwork; crew towed her clear, but did not ascertain extent of leak. Later, at height of gale, the vessel listed. Vessel towed inshore, where she sank. Subse-quently repaired and refloated	J. W. Emtage.
May 10	Sierra, o.e.v., 11 years	5	1	1	300 lb. pipes and mail	Collision	..	Hokianga Harbour, N.Z.	Calm	..	Casualty caused through both launches not having the regulation lights burning. Both masters subsequently prosecuted and fined £2 10s. each, with costs 12s. each	S. H. Watkins.
May 10	Niagara, o.e.v., 14 years	3	1	1	..		..					Geo. Wright.
May 12	Hurunui, s.s., 8 years	5,815	72	..	4,100 tons general	Fire	..	Off N.Z. Coast	N.E.	Light	While on a voyage between Auckland and Dunedin a fire was discovered in deck-head insulation in after end of No. 3 tween-decks, due to heating of coal in bunker. Slight damage to cork insulation.	W. F. Robinson.