S. Hewitt. C. N. Jones.	A. H. W. Burgess.	P. S. Robertson.	S. Hewitt.	P. A. Miles,	J. J. Smith.		C. R. Kettlewell,
While the "Wingatui" was proceeding towards the Eastern Princes Wharf she dropped anchor and 15 fathoms of cable. The tide caught the stern of the ship, causing her to sheer towards the "Port Wellington." Very slight damage to each vessel	After entering the lagoon the weather became overcast, obliterating the land, with the result that vessel grounded. No damage	A distinct shock was felt, but no sign of floating logs or debris could be seen. Speed was reduced, and it was found that one propeller blody was come and one blody damaged	Date was going and one pare trainegred out of action, while vessel was proceeding down Victoria Channel, with the result that vessel grounded on the mud at side of channel	The Court found that, having regard to the thick weather prevailing at the time, and to the course set by the master, which was calculated to bring him within slightly over a mile off Walker Rock, the master com-	mitted an error of judgment in standing on his course too long, and that error was, in the opinion of the Court, the cause of the stranding. The Court ordered the master pay the costs of the inquiry, £10 10s.  The Court found that the log had not been streamed, and that no soundings had been taken; and that, having regard to the thick weather prevailing and to the fact	that the vessel was approaching a dangerous shore the line of which was gradually converging on the course of the ship, and that no land or light had been sighted, and to the fact that the currents in and near Cook Strait are known to be erratic, the Court is of opinion that the master showed some lack of care in not streaming his log and in not taking a sounding. The combined precautions, if taken, would probably have avoided the stranding. The master was ordered to pay £5 5s. towards costs of inmired.	On opening up No. 5 lower hold it was found that a quantity of water was on the floor of the starboard side of the tunnel—probably due to a valve being improperly closed, owing to some obstruction
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Wingatui, s.s., 14 years Port Wellington, s.s., 5 years	Southern Cross. s.s., 14 years	Canadian High- lander, s.s., 7 years	Wingatui, s.s., 14 years	Parera s.s., 7 years	Invercargill, s.s., 43 years		Hertford, s.s., 12 years
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