

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Regist. Tonnage.	Itig.	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.		
1928.													
Dec. 14	Echo, o.e.v., 23 years	99	Schooner	10	..	130 tons general	Fractured crank-shaft	..	Wellington, N.Z.	S.	8	When at anchor sheltering in Worsley Bay the engineer discovered that the after web of the starboard engine crank-shaft was fractured	F. Radford.
Dec. 19	Hawera, s.s., 16 years	92	Schooner	10	..	90 tons butter ..	Grounded	..	Patea River, N.Z.	W.	2	Cast off from wharf and grounded between walls. Beacons in line. Engines reversed and vessel came off, but while manoeuvring to get vessel back she again grounded on sandbank, where she eventually floated off. Cause of casualty, insufficient water. No damage to ship or cargo	P. MacLachlan.
Dec. 19	Lone Star, o.e.v.	6	Cutter ..	2	..	5 tons general ..	Fire; total loss	..	Hauraki Gulf, N.Z.	N.E.	Fresh ..	The engine back-fired, igniting hull and fittings. The fire-fighting appliances were eventually exhausted and vessel became a total loss. Casualty could not have been avoided	A. N. Compton.
Dec. 20	Peregrine, s.s., 16 years	162	Barge ..	4	100	..	Propeller-nut lost ..	..	Auckland, N.Z.	N.	Light ..	One propeller-nut was lost, with the result that the propeller worked back on the shaft	J. Smith.
Dec. 22	Kotiti, o.e.v., 20 years	18	Cutter ..	4	..	..	Tail-shaft broken ..	..	Nikau Bay, N.Z.	Calm	..	Orders given to put engines astern, but the propeller did not move. On investigation it was found that the tail-shaft had broken inside the stuffing-box	A. G. Baggett.
1929.													
Jan. 2	Koau, o.e.v., 11 years	77	Schooner	8	..	Ballast	..	..	Napier, N.Z.	N.W.	Light	The "Koau" was proceeding up channel to berth, and a heavy line was thrown, which, however, was not secured, with the result that the "Koau" swung up stream and struck the "Venture," which vessel was slightly damaged. No damage to the "Koau"	A. McLachlan.
Jan. 2	Venture, o.e.v., 14 years	2	Launch	..	..	..	Collision	..	..	..	..	..	A. Martin.
Jan. 3	Gunbar, s.s., 14 years	196	Schooner	16	..	..	Leaking ..	..	Between Auckland and Hick's Bay, N.Z.	S.W.	Moderate	Vessel commenced to leak, evidently caused through vessel pounding in heavy seas and starting rivets	L. Boulton.
Jan. 7	Huia, o.e.v., 34 years	166	Schooner	12	..	22,000 ft. timber	Engine trouble	..	Between Dunedin and Greymouth, N.Z.	S.W.	3	Engine-bearing found to be running hot, probably caused through water in cylinders	M. W. Monaghan.
Jan. 11	Roforua, s.s., 18 years	7,705	Schooner	134	199	6,066 tons general	Leaky gland	..	Lat. 41° 16' S., long. 179° 52' E.	N.W.	5	At 10 a.m. the starboard stern-gland was found to be leaking badly, necessitating vessel's return to Wellington, where repairs were effected	J. L. B. Hunter.
Jan. 13	Tuhoe, o.e.v., 10 years	96	Schooner	8	..	100 tons general	Collision	..	Avanui River, N.Z.	N.W.	Moderate	While proceeding up the Avanui River the "Tuhoe" collided with and slightly damaged the "Coronation." Casualty caused through the narrowness of the channel	F. B. Wells.
Jan. 13	Coronation, o.e.v., 25 years	59	Schooner	6	..	..	..	..	Invercargill Estuary, N.Z.	S.E.	5	Vessel grounded in channel owing to sandbanks shifting. Rudder slightly bent to port	F. MacKenzie.
Jan. 13	Oreti, s.s., 28 years	72	Schooner	10	..	10 tons general	Grounded	..	Port Stephens, Australia	S.E.	Fresh ..	During very hazy weather a small pile marking a shoal was invisible, with the result that the vessel canted in and grounded	H. Lee.
Jan. 15	Gabriella, s.s., 8½ years	946	Schooner	25	..	1,650 tons coal and timber	Grounded	..	..	..	..	..	..