

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM 1ST APRIL, 1937, TO 31ST MARCH, 1938.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Class, and Age.	Rig.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Remarks, or Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.				Direction.	Force.		
1937. Mar. 16	Waimarino, s.s.; 7 years	Schooner ..	31	..	400 tons general	..	..	Bluff Harbour	Calm	..	When approaching No. 7 berth the vessel took the ground about 40 ft. from wharf. With the assistance of a tug the vessel was refloated, and it was found that she had sustained damage	W. D. Cameron.
April 2	Holmgren, m.v.; 9 years	Schooner ..	12	..	15 tons general	..	..	South Taranaki Bight ..	N.W.	5	Owing to failure of one set of cooling-pipes the engines stopped. Temporary repairs were effected and the vessel put into Queen Charlotte Sound	M. McArthur.
" 18	Aorangi, m.v.; 12 years	Schooner ..	275	..	1,700 tons general	..	..	Tasman Sea ..	..	..	After the vessel had berthed at Auckland it was found that the starboard inner No. 5 crankshaft-web had been fractured	T. Hill.
" 23	Akaroa, s.s.; 23 years ..	Schooner ..	164	33	2,597 tons general	..	..	Lat. 26° 25' S.; Long. 177° 51' W. (Pacific Ocean)	W.	9	The vessel shipped heavy seas over the forecastle head, breaking open No. 1 hatch fore-peak and damaging two No. 1 hold-ventilators. Also minor damage to ship and fittings	W. C. Summers.
" 27	Thomas Currell, s.s.; 20 years	Schooner ..	84	9	10 tons fish	..	..	Off Matakana Island, N.Z.	W.	4	It was discovered that the boiler had developed a leak in the combustion-chamber, and the vessel put into Tauranga for repairs	J. Holt.
May 1	Doric Star, s.s.; 16 years	Schooner ..	62	..	General	..	..	Auckland ..	..	..	A leak was discovered in No. 6 'tween decks, causing damage to the cargo	N. G. Oswald.
" 1	Tees, s.s.; 26 years ..	Schooner ..	17	11	1,000 sheep	..	..	Pitt Island, Chatham Islands	W.N.W.	5	Owing to the vessel ranging, the starboard cable parted in hawse-pipe while the 45 fathom shackle was in the water. To be recovered on next visit to the Chatham Islands	J. B. Allsop.
" 10	Pono, m.v.; 24 years ..	Schooner ..	4	..	General	..	..	Auckland Harbour	S.W.	Light	At 11.45 p.m. a launch was seen close on the starboard side and two green lights close on port side. Simultaneously something was heard to have carried away, which was found to be the tow-line between a launch and the barge "Kitty Fraser," which bumped the "Pono." The "Kitty Fraser" was slightly damaged and the "Pono" sustained damage to her port bulwarks	N. Morgan.
" 11	Kawau, s.s.; 28 years ..	Ketch ..	52	10	2 tons general	..	..	Vivian Bay, Kawau Island	N.W.	Light	When engines going half-speed astern the propeller worked loose on the boss, and vessel had to be towed to Auckland for repairs	J. V. Ruthe.
" 15	Robey, m.v.; 31 years ..	Cutter ..	6	2	Towing only	..	..	Auckland Harbour	N.E.	Gale	Owing to engine trouble, freshening wind and sea, and the parting of the tow-lines connecting the vessel with the barges "Samoa" and "Argyle," the anchors of all three vessels were dropped in the Tamaki Passage. Later all three vessels dragged and were driven ashore. The barges were successfully refloated, and efforts are being made to refloat the "Robey." Subsequently refloated	P. Baron.
" 15	Haere, m.v.; 34 years ..	Schooner ..	59	5	Nil ..	..	..	Marsden Point, Whangarei	N.	Heavy gale	While the vessel was sheltering off Whangarei Heads, during a heavy gale the vessel commenced to drag her anchors, and at 10 p.m. the vessel touched the rocks. The vessel was beached for safety and was subsequently refloated, apparently undamaged	E. W. Norton.