

RETURN of WRECKS on which INQUIRIES have been held under "The Inquiry into Wrecks Act," from 1st July, 1866, to the 30th June, 1867—continued.

(O.—continued.)

Date of Casualty.	Name of Ship and Age when known.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	Number of Crew.	Number of Passengers.	Nature of Cargo.	Nature of Casualty, and whether resulting in total loss or partial damage.	Number of Lives lost.	Direction and Force of Wind.		Place.	Finding of Court of Inquiry.	REMARKS.
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15 Dec. 1866	Isabella ...	Schooner	17	4	...	General	Stranded	West Coast, 28 miles N. of Grey River	Wreck unavoidable; no blameattributable to master.	
16 Feb. 1867	Nile ...	Schooner	24	...	...	Timber	Total wreck	...	...	...	Haast River	No fault attributable to master.	
24 Dec. 1866	Pioneer s.s. ...	Schooner	...	...	...	...	Total wreck	...	...	...	Manukau ...	Drifted from her moorings.	
13 Feb. 1867	Star of the Evening s.s., 4 years	Schooner	116	19	3	Sheep	Total wreck	6	S.E.	Gentle breeze	Poverty Bay	Wreck probably due to a local error in the compasses	Broke up.
18 Dec. 1866	Jane Elkin, 3 yrs.	Ketch	28	3	...	Coals	Stranded	...	N.W.	Light breeze	Grey River	Heavy swell on bar caused tug to ground.	
5 Jan. 1867	Jane Elkin, 3 yrs.	Ketch	28	7	...	...	Foundered By fire	...	...	...	Grey River	Fell from ways in re-launching.	Total wreck; passengers had all landed previous to fire.
27 March "	Montmorency, 12 years	Ship	668	31	208	General	...	...	...	...	Napier Roadstead...	Nothing to show how or in what manner fire originated	Foundered at her moorings; all hands lost; number not known.
13 March "	Duncan Cameron Cutter		...	...	...	...	Capsized	3 or 4	S.S.W.	Strong gale	Napier Roadstead...	Stress of weather ...	Wreck sold for benefit of whom it might concern.
6 April "	Onehunga ...	Schooner	61	...	...	General	Stranded	...	W.S.W.	...	Fox's River	Went ashore during heavy weather	Went down in deep water; crew saved by her boats.
5 April "	Queen s.s., 15 yrs.	Schooner	260	21	8	Butter and Casks	Struck on rock and foundered	...	N.W.	Fresh breeze	Cook's Rock	Wreck caused by a local deviation of compasses	
14 March "	Stately, 3 months	Schooner	86	7	...	Timber	Stranded	...	W.N.W.	Light airs	Oamaru Bay	Went ashore during heavy sea.	Total wreck.
2 April "	South Australian s.s., 4 years	Barque	435	37	42	General	Stranded	...	...	Light airs	11½ miles N. of mouth of Clutha River	Bad look-out; not heaving the lead	
14 March "	Vixen ...	Schooner	17	...	...	...	Stranded	...	...	...	Oamaru Bay	Went ashore during heavy sea	Not damaged; has since been re-launched.
9 May "	Gold Seeker ...	Brigantine	148	9	...	General	Stranded	...	S.W.	Unsteady	Hokitika ...	Error of judgment on part of master	Total loss.
21 May "	Smuggler, 2 years	Cutter	21	3	1	Cattle	Capsized	1	N.E.	Strong breeze	Point Rodney	Capsized in a squall	Total loss.
8 Sept. 1866	Three Sisters, 7 years	Schooner	34	4	...	General	Stranded	...	N.	Strong gale	Nelson Haven	Through attempting to enter without a pilot.	
7 July 1867	Rapid ...	Schooner	15	3	1	Coals	Stranded	...	W.	Moderate gale	West Wanganui	Went ashore during a heavy sea...	Total loss.
7 June "	Torquill ...	Barque	294	11	4	Guano	Stranded	Light air	Spirits' Bay	Caused by choking of pumps; master acted for the best	Total loss.

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