

RETURN of Wrecks on which Enquiries have been held, &c.—*continued*.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel ; also, Age and Class when known.	Rig.	Registered Tonnage	Number of		Nature of Cargo.	Nature of Casualty.	Number of Lives Lost.	Place where Casualty happened.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Enquiry, or Opinion of Officer holding Investigation.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.					Direction	Force.		
1876. Sept. 9	Echo, 2 years	Schooner	27	3	...	Coal	Stranded ; partial loss	...	Entrance to Turanganui River, Gisborne, Poverty Bay	S.W.	Fresh breeze	Stranding caused by heavy sea setting in, and insufficient water on the bar	Peter Brown.
" 10	Shepherdess, 34 years	"	38	3	...	Ballast	"	...	Barrett's Reef, at entrance to Wellington Harbour	Calm	"	Master possibly committed error of judgment in standing too close to Barrett's Reef when tacking	Thomas H. J. Bilby.
" 11	Rosina, s.s., 2 years	Schooner	21	3	...	Ballast	Stranded ; partial loss	...	Entrance to Turanganui River, Gisborne, Poverty Bay	S.W.	Fresh breeze	Stranding caused by tow rope fouling the propeller while crossing the bar	Joseph Kennedy.
" 14	Wild Duck, 8½ years	Ketch	43	4	...	Sawn timber	Stranded ; partial loss	...	Bar of Waitara River	"	"	Vessel struck on bar of River Waitara while in tow of steam tug	Alexander Campbell
" 19	Arthur Wakefield, 3 years	Schooner	45	4	Loss of life	2	About 6 miles south of Wanganui Heads	S.	Strong gale	Vessel got in breakers, and master and cook washed overboard	John Watt.
" 22	Otaki, 2 years	Ketch	15	2	...	Shingles	Stranded ; partial loss	...	Te Aro Beach, Wellington	N.W.	Moderate gale	Chain parted while vessel at anchor off Baring Head ; she was then towed into harbour by the City of Sydney, and on passing the schooner Endeavour the tow line fouled that vessel, and was cut by some one on board, which caused the Otaki to drift on shore	Walter Manning.
" 23	Matau, s.s., 9 months	Schooner	104	14	101	General	Stranded ; total loss	...	North Beach, about 7 miles from Westport	"	Gale	Casualty caused by loose mooring lines on deck being washed overboard and fouling propeller, and master remaining in his cabin during a heavy sea while close in shore ; his certificate, New Zealand certificate No. 5022, suspended for three months	Donald Urquhart.
" 23	Elizabeth Ann, 6 years	Ketch	17	2	...	Ballast	Stranded and foundered ; total loss	...	On Decanter Rocks, Decanter Bay, Banks Peninsula	S.W.	"	During heavy gale vessel dragged anchors, and drifted on to Decanter Rocks ; a short time after striking she dropped off the rocks and foundered	Peter Johnson.
" 30	Strathnaver, 6½ years	Schooner	53	4	...	"	Capsized and foundered ; total loss	1	N.W. Kemp Channel, Kaipara Bar, North Island	S.	Moderate	Vessel capsized by heavy seas, which suddenly arose as she was crossing the bar	William McDonald.
Oct. 4	Beautiful Star, 14 years	"	146	16	...	"	Stranded ; partial loss	...	On Danger Reef, near Shag Point, Otago	N.E.	"	Casualty caused by mate, William Hassett Casen, who was in charge, keeping too close to the land in his course ; mate's certificate, Board of Trade No. 87150, suspended for two months	James Stewart.