

## RETURN of Wrecks on which Inquiries have been held between the 1st July, 1878, and the 30th June, 1879.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel; also, Age and Class.	Rig.	Loss of Life and Property.	Number of		Nature of Cargo.	Nature of Casualty.	Number of Lives Lost.	Place where Casualty happened.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.					Direction.	Force.		
1878.													
April 30	Bertha, 5 years	Cutter	15	7	...	None	Stranded; total loss	Unknown	Savaii, Samoan Group	...	...	Casualty caused by carelessness and incompetency of master, who holds no certificate	Manuel Joseph Silva.
July 4	Victoria, 13 years	"	22	4	...	Ballast	Foundered; total loss	...	About half distance between Rangitoto and Tiritiri, in about mid-channel	S.E. to N.W.	Squally		
" 9	Jane,	"	25	3	...	Sleepers	Loss of life	1	Between Coal and Nugget Points	W.	Severe gale	Loss of life caused by boom jibbing and carrying man overboard	Daniel Keys.
" 9	Merlin, 8 years	Schooner	41	3	...	Ballast	Loss of life	2	On Kaipara Bar	S.W.	Strong gale	Casualty caused by sea breaking on board when crossing bar	Alexander Craig.
" 11	Result, p.s., 6 years	"	13	4	4	General	Stranded; partial loss	...	About 300 yards to the south of Karamea River	N.N.W.	Strong breeze	Casualty caused by beacon lights not being seen, and vessel being allowed to get into broken water while looking for them	Samuel Riley.
" 16	Ellerton, 1 year	"	87	6	...	Railway engines and iron	Stranded; partial loss	...	South Spit, near entrance to Wanganui River	W.S.W.	Fresh	Casualty caused by master anchoring vessel with only one anchor and insufficient cable, and not letting go another anchor when he found the weather getting bad, vessel being at the time near shore; also master took no means to ascertain his true position. Vessel dragged some distance during his watch without his knowledge. Master's certificate suspended for six months	Daniel Reavy.
" 19	Maiden City, 6 years	"	27	2	...	Railway iron	Stranded; total loss	...	One mile north of Wanganui Signal Station	S.W.	Light breeze	Vessel lost through leakage caused by stress of weather, being in an unseaworthy condition, having no signals on board, and master proceeding to sea with only one man on board beside himself. Master ordered to pay costs of inquiry	Augustus Skillen.
" 20	Mullogh, s.s., 23 years	Ketch	46	5	...	General	Stranded; partial loss	...	North Spit of the Hokitika River, N.Z.	...	Light breeze	Casualty caused by side-rod of engine breaking when vessel was crossing bar	Severio Vernazoni.
" 21	Wave, 13 years	Cutter	20	2	...	Grain	Stranded; partial loss	...	East bank of the Kaituna River, Maketu, Bay of Plenty, N.Z.	Calm	...	Casualty caused by wind suddenly dropping	William Cinnamon.
" 27	Owaka Belle, 1 year	Ketch	35	3	...	General	Stranded; partial loss	...	Rock in New River, N.Z.	N.E.	Light breeze	Casualty caused by wind suddenly falling when vessel near the rocks	James Philips.
Aug. 4	Reliance, 3 years	"	65	5	...	Ballast	Stranded; total loss	...	Ten miles to north of Waikato Heads	W.S.W.	Gale	Casualty caused by stress of weather, driving vessel ashore	Thomas Swede.
" 5	Venus, 1 year	"	38	3	...	Timber	Stranded; partial loss	...	First rocky point to eastward of Wanganui Roadstead, Mahia, Hawke's Bay	N.	Strong breeze	Casualty caused by vessel not being got under weigh soon enough	John King.