

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department, &c.—*continued*.

| Date of Casualty. | Name of Vessel, also Age and Class. | Rig. | Register | Number of | | Nature of | Number of Lives Lost. | Place where Casualty occurred. | Wind. | | Decision of Court of Inquiry. | Name of Master. |
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| | | | | Crew. | Passengers. | Cargo. | | | Direction. | Force. | | |
| 1883. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. 23 | Forest Queen, 11 years | Ketch .. | 51 | 4 | .. | Sashes, doors, & dynamite Grain .. | .. | Point in S.W. corner of Tofino Harbour, Great Barrier Island | N.N.E. | Gale .. | Wind, which was shifting and strong, set vessel on to a rocky point | Neil Macdonald. |
| " 25 | Tokerau, 3 years | Cutter .. | 35 | 3 | .. | Grain .. | .. | Sunken rock off Mercury Harbour | N.N.W. | Variable | Vessel struck by squall, became unmanageable, and went on to the rock | William Cinnamon. |
| " 25 | Sovereign of the Seas, 17 years | Ketch .. | 31 | 3 | .. | Ballast.. | 1 | About a quarter of a mile off Wellington Head, Great Barrier Island | S.W. by W. | Blowing hard, with squalls, heavy sea | One of the crew, William Mash, was knocked overboard while assisting in hauling in the mainsheet | John Cole. |
| " 28 | Murray, s.s., 24 years | Schooner | 78 | 12 | 20 | General | .. | Collision; no damage | S. | Light | W. T. Paul, second mate of "Murray," censured severely for not reporting cutter's lights to master; and master blamed for not stopping steamer when hailed from cutter, and also severely censured for not stopping engines as soon as he became aware of the accident, in order to render assistance if required | William Ralph Scott. |
| " 29 | Phoenix, about 40 years | Cutter .. | 11 | 2 | .. | Gravel .. | .. | A little to N. of magazine, Nelson Outer Harbour | S.W. | .. | When vessel coming in and abreast of North Spit the wind fell light, and, night coming on, master anchored in nine fathoms, but when vessel swung round at turn of tide she struck the ground three or four times, but swung to the anchor all right adfoat | John Westrupp. |
| " 30 | Anthons, 8 years | " | 133 | 7 | .. | Coal, coke, and fire-brick | .. | Bar of Grey River | .. | .. | Blind rollers caused vessel to bump on bar while crossing in tow of tug | John Carr. |
| Sept. 3 | Falcon, 18 years | Ketch .. | 37 | 4 | .. | Ballast.. | .. | West beach, near mouth of Waitara River | .. | .. | Vessel was being towed to sea, when tow-line became slack and she drifted ashore | Peter Greig Leslie. |
| " 3 | Thornhill, 3 years, 100 A Lloyd's | Three-masted schooner | 275 | 9 | .. | " .. | .. | Greymouth .. | N. | .. | Whilst shifting berth of the "Thornhill" in tow of tug "Dispatch," a gust of wind and an eddy in river set the vessel foul of the "Mary Campbell," which vessel sustained no damage | George William Tozer. |
| " 5 | Rangatira, 7 years | Cutter .. | 27 | 4 | 1 | Firewood | 2 | Great Barrier Island .. | E.N.E. | Gale .. | Strong wind drove vessel on to rocks | Tenetahi. |
| " 6 | Grafton, s.s., 30 years | schooner | 242 | 26 | 27 | General | .. | Inside bar, North Spit, Buller River | .. | .. | Casualty caused by vessel taking run on the sea to N.E. and not steering well at time, and through the engines going full speed when master thought they were going half speed | Henry Edward Hill. |
| " 11 | Reliance, 8 years | Ketch .. | 65 | 4 | .. | Nil .. | .. | Waipu Beach, Whangarei | E.S.E. | Light | Stranding caused through vessel being left in charge of one man, the remainder of the crew having gone after master, who had been knocked overboard | Theodore William Haultain. |