

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.	Tons	No. of Passengers.	Nature of		Number of Lives Lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
					Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1883. Dec. 5	Olive (barge), 2 years	Schooner	43	3	Timber, round logs	Capsized; partial loss	..	Off Mangawai, N.E. coast of New Zealand	W.N.W.	Moderate	Vessel capsized through one of the logs breaking loose and causing the vessel to strain and leak	William Simons.
"	Restless ..	Brig ..	289	10	Ballast ..	Stranded; partial loss	..	N.E. point, Centre Island, Auckland	W.S.W.	Strong ..	Vessel struck tail of reef when it was considered she was clear of danger	Richard Magrath.
"	Kestrel, 11 years	Ketch ..	20	2	Nil ..	Stranded; total loss	..	Diamond Bay, Lyttelton Harbour	N.E.	" ..	Vessel at anchor with no one on board, when strong breeze and sea caused her to break the line and trip her anchor	James Cowan.
"	Agnes Bell, 1 year	Schooner	149	8	Island produce	" ..	3	Rarotonga ..	" ..	Hurricane	Hurricane drove vessel ashore ..	William Munn.
"	Atlantic, 10 years	"	60	6	General cargo	" ..	..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	Oscar Schulze.
"	Makea Ariki, 1 year	"	72	6	Ditto ..	" ..	3	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	Thomas Ayres.
"	Falcon, 19 years	Ketch ..	37	3	Coal ..	Stranded; no damage	..	South bank of Waitara River	S.W.	Gentle ..	Casualty caused by semaphore arm at signal-station becoming unworkable	Peter Greig Leslie.
"	Lillie Denham, s.s., 5 years	"	21	4	Ballast ..	Foundered; total loss	..	Near Long Island, Foveaux Strait	N.W.	Light ..	Vessel commenced to leak while out fishing, and before she could be run ashore she foundered	Robert Scollay.
"	Margaret Scollay, 12 years	Cutter ..	16	2	Timber ..	Stranded; total loss	..	Reef on W. side of Ohau Bay, Cook Strait	" ..	" ..	While in tide-rip the wind fell and the vessel ran on to rocks	John Young Hogarth.
"	Charles Edward, s.s., 19 years	Schooner	154	14	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	On reef at Motu Ngaru Island, off Alligator Point	N.N.E.	" ..	Not sufficient evidence as to immediate cause of accident. Further precautions should have been taken to guard against leeway arising from low rate of speed at which vessel was steaming. Master was so far suffering from effects of liquor taken before leaving port as to be unfit for duties of his command. His certificate suspended for three months, and he was ordered to pay costs of inquiry	William Ralph Scott.
"	Tui, s.s., 8 years	"	55	15	Wool ..	Ditto ..	..	Passage, rocks between Kapiti and Evans Islands, Cook Strait	S.S.E.	Fresh breeze	Mate, George Balding, guilty of error in judgment in miscalculating his distance from Kapiti Island. When coming through such narrow waters master should satisfy himself vessel on right course. Mate ordered to pay costs of inquiry	Charles Quentin Pope.
1884. Jan. 7	Mataura, 15 years	Ship ..	853	..	General	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 48° 59' S., long. 122° 46' E.	W.S.W.	Gale ..	One of the crew, Leon Oliver, fell overboard from the fore rigging	Alexander Cruickshank.
"	Tongariro, p.s., 12 years	Schooner	39	4	Timber ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Bar of Waimakariri River	N.E.	Light ..	Vessel bumped owing to there being so little water on the bar. Bar varies	Louis Arnie Marquet.
"	Kakanui, s.s., 4 years	"	57	8	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	Triangle Rocks, Bluff Harbour	S.W.	Fresh breeze	Strong ebb-tide running out caught vessel on starboard bow and caused her to go on rocks	Charles Frederick Sundstrom.
"	Days Bay, 2 years	Cutter ..	19	2	Gun-powder	Ditto ..	..	Oriental Bay, Wellington Harbour	N.W.	Gale ..	Vessel driven ashore by gale while there was no one on board	Andrew McGregor.