

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department—*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, &c.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1890.													
Nov. 1	Ruby, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	19	6	5	Empties and gold	Collision; slight damage	..	Between the Queen Street and Railway Wharves, Auckland	..	..	The "Ruby," in coming in to her berth, struck the "Britannia," which was coming out	William Bettis.
" 1	Britannia, p.s., 5 years	Nil	108	3	25	Nil	Collision; no damage	..		..	..		William George Tye.
" 12	Persian Empire, 25 years, A1 Lloyds	Ship	1532	30	..	General	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 46° 15' N., long. 7° 40' W., on voyage from London to Auckland	W.S.W.	Moderate	An A.B. named Stephen Jelliss fell overboard while engaged furling the fore-royal and was drowned	Charles William Hay.
" 15	Brahmin, 14 yrs., A1 Lloyds, 100	Ship	1264	25	..	General	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 44° 45' S., long. 95° E.; on voyage from London to Dunedin	N.W.	Gale	An apprentice named William Samuel Jeffery, when coming down from assisting to furl main-topgallant sail, missed his footing, fell overboard after striking the rail, and was lost	Peter McKenzie.
" 24	Laira, 20 years, A1	Barque..	492	14	4	Sugar	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 47° 27' S., long. 152° 24' E.; on voyage from Mauritius to Dunedin	N.W.	Heavy gale	A seaman named Joseph Emanuel Leon Bonis, whilst reefing the upper fore-topsail, fell from the yard into the sea and was not seen again	Peter James Hughes.
" 27 (since)	Rainbow, 1 year, A1 Lloyds	Schooner	297	10	..	Ballast..	Supposed foundered; total loss	Supposed 10 (all hands)	On voyage from Melbourne to Clarence River	..	..	Vessel left Melbourne for Clarence River on the 27th November and has not since been heard of. Supposed to have foundered at sea, with all hands, during heavy weather prevailing on the Australian coast about that time	K. McDonald.
" 28	Ohan, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	411	24	..	Coal	Stranded; partial loss	..	Whale Rock, off Red Head, Bay of Islands	S.W.	Moderate	Master misled through buoy not being in position shown on chart	Richard Brewer.
Dec. 5	Rangitikei, 27 years, A1 Lloyds	Ship	1188	26	..	Wool and general	Collision; partial loss	..	Napier Roadstead, about two miles off entrance to Inner Harbour	Westly	Hard gale	The "Rangitikei's," cable parted in a heavy gale, and she drifted stern on to the "Balclutha," which was anchored about 500 yd. astern of her, and she stove in that vessel's starboard bulwarks	H. J. Middleton.
" 5	Balclutha, A1 Lloyds, 100	Ship	1614	28	..	Wool and tallow	Collision; partial loss	..					J. Binnie.
1891.													
Jan. 4 (supp'd)	Kakanui, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	57	10	9	Coal for ships' use	Supposed foundered; total loss	Supposed 19 (all hands)	On voyage from Macquarie Island to Bluff	Supp'd N.E. to westward	Supposed heavy gale	The vessel left Macquarie Island for New Zealand, with nine passengers on board, on the 3rd January, 1891, and has not since been heard of. She is supposed to have foundered in a heavy gale next day	William Best.
" 6	Manaita, s.s., 19 years	Schooner	54	6	..	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Mokau Bar, North Taranaki Bight	N.N.W.	Light	Vessel took the ground when crossing the bar and was seriously damaged	John Botham.
" 17	Pukaki, s.s., 4 years	Schooner	850	36	2	Coal	Stranded; partial loss	..	Ohan Bay, Cook Strait	S.E. by S.	Heavy gale	Master should have used greater precaution to ascertain his position, and should not have trusted to bearings alone. He was ordered to pay costs of inquiry	William Edward Oliver.
" 22	Leading Wind, 17 years (U.S. vessel)	Ship	1159	10	..	Flax and kauri-gum	Fire on board; partial loss	..	Alongside Wharf, Auckland Harbour	..	..	Fire broke out in cargo of flax when alongside wharf	Francis Manning Hinckley.