

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department from the 1st April, 1893, to the 31st March, 1894.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	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.		
1893.												
April 7	Waipara, s.s., 30 years	Schooner	8	8	General	Stranded; no loss	..	North Spit, Hokitika River	S.W.	..	Vessel took the bar, and then failed to answer her helm	Edward Stafford Williams.
22	Annie Wilson, 13 years	Schooner	7	..	Flour and potatoes	Stranded; total loss	..	100 yards. S. of Oeo River, Taranaki, on voyage from Lyttelton to Kaipara.	S.E.	Fresh breeze	Master committed error of judgment in altering the course and hauling her to the north, and approaching the land without taking soundings	Joseph Murray.
30	Agnes Martin, 11 years	Ketch ..	4	..	Nil	Stranded; partial loss	..	Awarua, Raratonga, Cook Islands	..	Hurricane	Stranded during hurricane season ..	James Donald.
May 8	Freestrader, 42 years	Barque..	8	1	Timber..	Stranded; partial loss	..	1/4 mile S. of Bar Channel, Wanganui River	W. to W.S.W.	Fresh ..	Master was guilty of great neglect in not seeing that the beacons were kept in line as he approached the bar; the mate was guilty of neglect in not making himself acquainted with the sailing-directions. The master's certificate was suspended for six months, and he was ordered to pay the cost of the inquiry. The certificate of the mate, Henry Charles Bowden, was suspended for two months	Henry Bowden.
"	23 Stanley, 11 years	Brigantine	8	..	Coal	Stranded; slight damage	..	Near Stokes Point, Auckland Harbour	W.N.W.	Gentle breeze	Sudden change of wind took vessel aback and made her take the ground.	K. M. Lindfors.
June 1	Natal Queen, 28 years	Barque..	Timber & bark	Collision; partial loss	..	Off Wellington Heads	Northerly	Strong ..	Sea and wind drove "Duco" against side of "Natal Queen"	(Henry Brown. James Jones.
"	1 Duco, s.s., 1 year	Cutter ..	4	..	Nil (tug-boat)	Collision; slight damage	..				Vessel struck when entering the river	John Westrup.
"	8 Waitapu, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	8	..	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	About 240 yards. E. of breakwater, entrance to Patea River	W.	..		
Since												
June 8	Lizzie, 10 years	Cutter ..	3	..	Timber..	Capsized; total loss	3; all hands	Between Hokitika and Cape Foulwind	..	Gale	Vessel found bottom up off Cape Foulwind after leaving Hokitika with a cargo of timber	John Livingston.
"	16 Manapouri, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	60	71	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	Between Mid-channel Rock and third red buoy, Bluff Harbour	Calm	..	Vessel deviated from centre of channel to avoid collision with a cutter coming out, and touched on top of a rock supposed to be Mid-channel Rock. Accident was, under the circumstances, unavoidable. Beacons should be erected to mark northern limit of Mid-channel Rocks, and regulations made to prevent vessels being in narrow channel when a steamer is leaving or entering harbour	Edward Wheeler
June 18	Mersey, 16 years	Cutter ..	2	..	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Wawarangi, Golden Bay	N.E.	..	Vessel dragged ashore, owing to being deficient in proper anchor and chain	Edward Portney.
"	23 Mary Ogilvie, 20 years	Schooner	7	..	2 tons, & 25 tons ballast	Stranded; total loss	..	1/2 mile from landing-place, Cascade Bay, Norfolk Island	N.N.E.	Strong breeze	Casualty caused by wind failing at critical moment	W. G. Garth.