

RETURN OF WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department—continued.

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Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	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.													
Oct. 26	Alice Jane, 19 years	Ketch ..	27	..	..	Sawn timber	Stranded; total loss	..	Sand-spit inside Tairaroa Head	N.E.	Very strong	Vessel ran into harbour for shelter, but not being able to see beacon-lights ran too far before hauling up and drove ashore.	Charles Johnson.
" 27	Janet Ramsay, 22 years	Schooner	41	3	..	Timber..	Stranded; total loss	..	Waikawa River ..	N.E.	Light ..	Wind died away and tide carried vessel on to rocks.	Edmund Pleasant.
Nov. 30	Waimui, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	391	..	..	General	Loss of life only	1	Between Wellington and French Pass	..	..	The second steward, Alfred Smith, is supposed to have fallen overboard and to have been drowned. He was last seen at 12.30 a.m., when he went off duty, and was missed at 6 a.m., when the ship was searched, but he could not be found.	George Lambert.
" "	Stormbird, s.s., 39 years	Schooner	137	..	..	General	Loss of life only	1	On voyage from Wellington to Wanganui	None	..	Captain Leys, a passenger, was missed from the ship. He is supposed to have been lost overboard when near the Wanganui Bar.	Alexander Chambers.
Dec. 9	Lily, 19 years ..	Schooner	84	5	..	N.Z. produce, flour, wheat, & oats	Stranded; partial loss	..	West side of North Spit, Waitara River	S.W.	Fresh breeze	Insufficient water on bar, and also through s.s. "Mohaka," employed in towing vessel, not having sufficient power.	Andrew Bloom.
" 15	Auckland, 19 years	Ship ..	1244	23	1	General	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 43° 06' S., long. 81° 27' E. On voyage from Glasgow to Dunedin	..	Stiff breeze	An A.B. named John Kemp, engaged aloft loosing the starboard side of the mainsail, fell overboard and was lost.	Charles James.
" 23	Jessie Readman, 24 years	Ship ..	962	..	..	Wool ..	Stranded; total loss	..	About 4 miles east of Taupeka Point, Chatham Islands	..	..	Master committed error of judgment in continuing when he was unable to verify his position by observation, a course which, as originally laid down without any allowance for the ocean-set, only left a margin of 25 miles. He was on deck during night preceding casualty, and was the first to see danger. He did all he could on discovering the dangerous position of ship, and landed his crew in safety. The evidence shows that a current of considerable and varying strength sets towards the islands. The master was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry	Thomas Burton.
1894.													
Jan. 26	Owaka Belle, 17 years	Ketch ..	45	4	..	Timber..	Stranded; total loss	..	North Spit, entrance to Waikariri River	S.S.W.	Breeze ..	Caused by wind shifting from S.S.W. to N.N.W. just as she was crossing the bar	Theodore Malasch.
Feb. 3	Gazelle, 17 years	Barque...	336	10	..	Guanos ..	Stranded; total loss	8	Outside head west of Waikawa Bay, Current Basin, French Pass	N.W.	Fresh gale	Vessel driven ashore by gale during very thick weather	Charles Rogers.
" 7	Argyle, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	129	10	15	General, gum, & produce	Loss of life only	1	Hauraki Gulf, 5 miles inside Tiri-Tiri, on voyage from Great Barrier to Auckland	..	..	A steerage passenger named John Murray was missed from vessel, and is supposed to have fallen overboard unobserved and been drowned	Frank Amodeo.