

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.		
1896. Nov. 11	Soular ..	Ship ..	1304	..	..	General	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 38° 29' S., long. 28° 59' E., on voyage from Liverpool to Wellington	W.S.W.	Strong gale	An assistant steward named Ernest Winter is supposed to have fallen overboard from the topgallant forecastle while procuring water from over the ship's side	Moses Carden.
"	Huon Belle, 33 years	Ketch ..	42	4	..	Sand ..	Collision; partial loss	..	Ponui Passage Light-house	S.W.	Strong breeze; squally	Vessel collided with lighthouse. Casualty caused through vessel being in stays when strong squall heeled her over, and there was no room to wear round in time	Peter Johnson.
"	Clematis, 24 years	Ketch ..	67	5	..	Ballast ..	Loss of mast and sails	..	18 miles north of Kaitiaki Peninsula	S.S.W.	Strong breeze	Casualty appears to have been accidental, and no one to blame	Hans Kruhl.
"	Coquette, 13 years	Schooner	214	8	..	Ballast ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Bar of Wanganui River	N.	Light ..	Casualty caused through fresh in river setting vessel to northward, and s.s. "Huia," towing her, not having her in proper command	Samuel Brown.
"	Rock Lily, 9 years	Ketch ..	50	4	..	Timber ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Bar of Waimakariri River	S.	..	Casualty caused through vessel touching ground between rise and fall of sea, and wind falling away and going more ahead	William Thomas Taylor.
"	Corinna, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	820	..	..	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Abreast red light, entrance to Nelson Harbour	..	..	Casualty caused through steering-gear, being new, acting less quick at a critical moment than the pilot expected	Peter Nordstrum.
Dec. 3	Liberty, 2 months	Ketch ..	14	..	..	Nil ..	Foundered; total loss	..	Off Clyde Quay, Wellington Harbour	N.W.	Gale ..	Vessel sank at her moorings in about four fathoms of water in the night, during the gale, when no one was on board	John Chalmers.
"	Delmira, 32 years	Schooner	338	10	..	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Barton Point, Cape Palliser	S.E.	Light ..	The master did not make sufficient allowance, when crossing the entrance to Cook Strait, for the inset of the current, but at 8.30 p.m., becoming anxious about his position, properly altered his course, and did all he could to save his vessel, and probably would have done so had the wind not failed. The Court returned his certificate, and made no order for costs	Frederick A. Hutchinson.
1897. Jan. 1	Ruapahu, s.s., 14 years, Al Lloyd's	Barque..	2658	102	220	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	Farewell Spit	..	..	Master responsible, through error in judgment, in trusting to cross-bearing taken to a sand-hill instead of a more clearly defined point, but chiefly to his leaving bridge when running for land without giving full and sufficient instructions to officers of watch. Fourth officer censurable for not taking more prompt action at time of danger, and for keeping in-pended for three months, and ordered to pay costs of inquiry, £15 15s., less £5 to be paid by Edward Forsyth, fourth officer	Dugald Stuart.
"	Elizabeth Price, 23 years	Schooner	98	6	..	Ballast ..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Pig Island, Queen Charlotte Sound	Calm	Calm	Vessel not being under control during calm, she was caught by baffling puffs of winds and adverse tide, and quietly took the ground till tide rose to full	Thomas Hughes.