

RETURN OF WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department from the 1st April, 1899, to the 31st March, 1900.

Date of Casualty	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Reg.	Registered Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1899. Jan. 25 (Since)	Jasper, 32 years	Barquentine	251	8	..	Guano ..	Supposed foundered; total loss	On voyage from Bunker Island to Melbourne	..	..	Vessel left Bunker Island on 25th January, and has not since been heard of. A buoy belonging to her was found on 27th April at Diamond Head, Camden Haven	William Burton.
Mar. 4	Gwarra Peres ..	Ketch ..	12	*	..	Pearling-vessel	Stranded; total loss	Pelican Island, Torres Strait	..	Hurricane	Vessel driven ashore during a hurricane, in which many pearling vessels were wrecked	Not known.
" 10	Orewa, s.s., 1 year	Cutter ..	37	7	15	General	Collision; no damage	Off North Head, Auckland Harbour	E.	..	Collision result of keen competition, but no damage done	John McKinnon.
" 10	Kotiti, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	42	6	7	General	Collision; no damage	Lat. 4° N., long. 26° 35' W. On voyage from New York to Wellington	..	..	Maintopmast and topgallantmast and mizenmasthead carried away by a sudden whirlwind	Gustav Erikson.
" 14	Hiram Emery, 21 years	Barque ..	699	13	1	General	Loss of masts, yards, and sails	Just inside Mahurangi Heads, Hauraki Gulf	..	..	Master of "Rose Casey" made an error in judging distance, and did not reverse his engines soon enough. He was ordered to pay £18 13s. 6d., costs of inquiry	Frank W. Gorham.
" 22	Rose Casey, s.s., 21 years	Schooner	99	9	8	General	Collision; slight damage	Entrance to Inner Harbour, Lyttelton	N.E.	..	The tug "Lyttelton," coming up the harbour, could not see the "Red Jacket," which was in tow of the "Canterbury," until too close to avoid collision	William Bazeley.
" 22	Kapanui, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	75	7	14	General	Collision; partial loss	Port Albert, Kaipara ..	..	..	When heaving out to the anchor, with tug ahead, the vessel's stern swung inshore with the young ebb, and her heel caught the ground. The tug was unable to pull her clear	William James Southgate.
April 24	Lyttelton, s.s., 21 years	Cutter ..	39	8	..	Nil	Collision; no damage	..	..	..	..	John Galbraith.
" 24	Red Jacket ..	Lighter..	30	1	..	Ballast ..	Collision; slight damage	..	..	..	..	..
" 28	Cloud, 24 years	Barque..	280	10	..	Timber ..	Stranded; partial loss	..	S.	..	Vessel's false keel became loose, and consequently she would not beat to windward	William Henry Heays.
29	Mavis, 2 years	Schooner	..	4	..	Maize ..	Stranded; partial loss	Mahia Peninsula ..	S.E.	..	An A.B., Andrew Hughson, was washed overboard by a heavy sea, which also carried away a boat and deck-fittings	Edward Rose Campbell.
May 13	Takapuna, s.s., 16 years	Schooner	377	43	10	General	Deck swept by heavy sea; loss of boat, &c.	Half a mile from entrance to Port Nicholson	S.	Strong gale	No evidence to show how vessel was lost. Ship was a first-class one; her load-line was correctly marked, and she was not loaded so that load-line was submerged. Vessel was last seen off Cape Campbell from 3 to 5 p.m., steaming against a heavy gale, until she was lost sight of. Some of her wreckage was washed ashore at Castlepoint	John Grant.
May 14	Obau, s.s., 15 years	Schooner	411	22	..	Coal and timber	Supposed foundered; total loss	Supposed near Cape Campbell, on voyage from Greymouth to Dunedin	S.E.	Heavy gale	..	Robert Brewer.

* Not known.