

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 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.		
1899.													
Nov. 16	Rotokino, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	1304	30	..	Fruit and sugar	Rudder disabled	..	5 miles east of High Peak Rocks, East Coast, North Island Half mile inside outer beacon Collingwood	E.S.E.	Strong gale	Rudder broke in trunk-way during heavy gale.	Charles McArthur
Dec. 22	Rock Lily, 13 years	Ketch	50	..	..	Timber..	Stranded; partial loss	..		S.E.	..	Vessel left wharf with light S.W. wind, but when near outer beacon wind shifted to S.E., right ahead, compelling her to put back to an anchorage, where she grounded at low-tide, and a swell setting in drove her on to her anchor	John Skelton.
"	28 Nautilus, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	29	4	2	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Near entrance to Buller River	..	..	Vessel touched slightly on sand while trying to pick up entrance during fog	Samuel Alexander Leech
1900.													
Jan. 28	Ariel, 10 years	Cutter	20	3	..	Fish ..	Loss of life only	1	Foveaux Strait, about 5 miles S. by W. of Bluff Hill	S.W.	Gale	A fisherman, Douglas Hanning, was washed overboard and drowned	
Feb. 11	Aotea, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	4915	65	3	General	Fire on board; partial loss	..	About 80 miles from Wellington, on voyage to London	..	..	Fire in stokehold and engine-room; probably caused by lagging round boilers becoming inflammable through absorbing very fine coal-dust. Vessel returned to Wellington for repairs.	Edgar J. Evans.
"	18 Wakatu, s.s., 21 years	Schooner	95	14	30	General	Loss of life only	1	On voyage from Lyttelton to Port Robinson	..	Light	The steward, John F. Robertson, was lost overboard, but there is no evidence to show how or at what time accident occurred	James Wills.
"	22 Chittoor, s.s., 25 years	Barquentine	217	9	..	Coal ..	Stranded; no damage	..	2 miles from Picton, east side of harbour	S.E.	Moderate breeze with squalls	Vessel missed stays while going about, wind baffling and following her round. She was towed off by Government steamer "Hine-moa,"	James Hamilton.
Mar. 24	Onslow, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	16	3	97	None ..	Collision; slight damage	..		..	Light	Collision caused by negligent handling of s.s. "Onslow," in bringing her too close to the port quarter of the "Moura." Master of "Onslow" severely reprimanded, and ordered to pay £2 10s. cost of inquiry	James Ramsay.
"	24 Moura, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	1246	Ballast..	Collision; no damage	..	Upper part of Otago Harbour	..	Light		—

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