

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Reg. No.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
			Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1903. July 19	Niwaru, s.s., 2 years	4170	60	..	General	Stranded; partial loss	Off Napier Breakwater, Hawke's Bay	N.E.	Strong ..	Vessel, when entering Port of Napier at night, overran her distance, and struck on what is known as Four-and-a-half-fath in Patch, being seriously damaged. Master Porter in of severe censure in not stopping vessel when he reached his supposed position, and verifying that position by accurate soundings. His certificate was returned, but he was ordered to pay £39 2s. costs of inquiry.	William Popham Fiswick.
"	Queen, 39 years	46	3	..	General	Stranded; total loss	Entrance to Inner Harbour, Napier	S.W.	Light ..	Vessel was coming into river in fine weather and smooth sea, when she suddenly filled and sank.	Albert Julian White.
"	Koputai, p.s., 27 years	5	6	..	..	Collision; slight damage	Near Victoria Wharf, Otago Harbour	..	..	"Rimu," coming up channel in Upper Harbour, tried to pass tug "Koputai" with vessel in tow, got too close inshore, failed to steer, and struck tug on quarter, little damage being done.	David Spence.
"	Rimu, s.s., 5 years	144	16	..	..	Collision; slight damage		..	..	Casualty caused through carelessness on the part of the master, he having failed to ascertain by cross-bearing his position off Kapiti, and so set a course which caused the stranding of the ship. He was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry, amounting to £4 4s.	Johan Abraham Bergquist.
"	Himitangi, s.s., 4 years	149	15	..	Ballast..	Stranded; no damage	10 miles south of bar of Manawatu River	S.E.	Light ..	Casualty caused through carelessness on the part of the master, he having failed to ascertain by cross-bearing his position off Kapiti, and so set a course which caused the stranding of the ship. He was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry, amounting to £4 4s.	William Manley.
"	Takapuna, s.s., 20 years	472	45	25	General	Stranded; damaged to extent of £250	Hawea Bank, inside Breakwater, New Plymouth	S.E.	Strong breeze	Vessel grounded on Hawea Bank, through not being sufficient depth of water inside Breakwater, accelerated by heavy roll running into harbour.	John Grant.
Aug. 10 (since)	Toroa, 5 years	133	7	..	Coal and bricks	Supposed foundered; total loss	Supposed off Cook Straits	..	..	Vessel left Greytown for Wanganui on 10th August, and has not since been heard of. There was unusually bad weather in Cook Straits about the time she was off Cape Farewell.	Oscar Jarman.
Aug. 15	Kotahi (oil-launch), 1 year	Ab't 10	3	..	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	Inside Breakwater, New Plymouth	S.E.	Heavy gale	Vessel, employed in fishing, put into New Plymouth for shelter. During gale she dragged her anchors, parted her lines, and came into collision with wharf. She was then beached and scuttled to prevent further damage.	James William-son.
"	Duchess, s.s., 5 years	95	6	25	..	Collision; no damage	Off Wool Wharf, Wellington	..	..	Casualty caused through ship "King George," lying on west side of Wool Wharf, obstructing view of master of "Uta," and the "Duchess" leaving the Ferry Wharf on the west side of Wool Wharf at the same time the "Uta" left the east side, the vessels being at right angles to each other, the collision took place, which was unavoidable.	James Jones.
"	Uta (oil-engine), Cutter ..	20	6	..	..	Collision; slight damage		S.E.	Light		William Shilling.