

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the MARINE DEPARTMENT—continued.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, Age and Class.	Rig.	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.		
1904. June 29	Nambucca, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	94	11	5	Produce	Loss of foremast	..	S.S.E.	Fresh breeze	The fore rigging gave way in the eye while sail was set, and the foremast carried away two feet above the deck	William George North.
July 3	Waitoa, s.s., 22 years	Cutter ..	27	..	..	Ballast... Foundered; total loss	..	Off Doubtless Bay, Mangonui	N.E.	Strong ..	Vessel was being towed from Kaipara to Auckland, and got two-thirds of the way on the trip when a heavy sea broke on board, smashing hatchways and cabin skylight, water getting into hold beyond power of pumps	..
" 5	Loyalty, s.s., 27 years	Pole mast	68	4	20	Nil	Collision with wharf, slight damage	..	Calm. Thick fog	..	Master exercised due care in navigating vessel through fog, his certificate was returned, and no order made as to costs	George Buckham Brown.
" 5	Admiral, s.s., 21 years	Pole mast	82	5	60	Nil	Collision; partial loss	..	Calm. Thick fog	..	Master of "Talune" was prudent and careful in anchoring when fog was too dense to proceed, and no blame was attachable to him. Master of "Admiral" was entirely blameable for the collision, and he was censured, and ordered to pay the cost of the inquiry	Arthur Ernest Burt.
" 5	Talune, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	1370	54	46	General	Collision; slight damage	..	S. to S.W.	Storm ..	Damage caused by terrific gale. Oil used throughout the gale with very good results	John Bernech.
" 7	Astracana, 30 years	Ship ..	1572	21	..	Wheat ..	Loss of sails and boats and damage to bulwarks, &c.	..	S. to S.W.	Storm ..	Damage caused by terrific gale. Oil used throughout the gale with very good results	Benjamin Rees Griffiths.
Aug. 4	Margaret Casey, 20 years	Cutter ..	18	3	1	Chaff ..	Stranded; total loss	..	S.E.	Strong gale	Vessel was sheltering from S.W. weather, when wind shifted to S.E. and brought in a heavy sea. Master tried to sail out, but failed and lay to anchors. One chain broke and then another, and vessel drifted on to reef and then on to beach	John Carlson.
" 7	Eunice, 2½ years	Schooner	171	7	..	Timber	Loss of sails	..	W.	Gale ..	The two inner ribs and fore staysail were blown away, lower topsail and foresail damaged, and foregaff carried away. Part of rail carried away by deck load of timber shifting	Robert Fletcher.
" 9	Aotea, s.s., 2 years	Ketch ..	90	11	..	Coal ..	Stranded; total loss	..	W.	Moderate	Stranding appears to have been unavoidable, as the acting-pilot relied on the accuracy of the tide-gauge as a correct indication of the depth of water on bar, and signalled the vessel to come in. No blame attachable to Master, he having taken the bar under the acting-pilot's direction	William Tinney.
" 14	Huia (oil-engine), 10 years	Schooner	200	9	..	Produce	Stranded; partial loss	..	N.E.	Fresh ..	Vessel was being shifted from Port Albert Wharf to the Wairoa River in charge of the mate, and when leaving the Oruawaro River a mistake was made in the marks for clearing the Spit, and the course altered too soon	Daniel McKenzie.