

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department from the 1st April, 1905, to the 31st March, 1906.

| Date of Casualty. | Vessel's Name, Age, and Class. | Bldg. | Registered Tonnage. | Number of | | Nature of | | Place where Casualty occurred. | Wind. | | Finding of Court of Inquiry. | Name of Master. |
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| | | | | Crew. | Passengers. | Cargo. | Casualty. | | Direction. | Force. | | |
| 1904. Oct. 13 | Defender, 4 years | Ketch .. | 117 | 10 | .. | Timber | Loss of mast and sails | 4 miles N. of Stephen's Island | S.E. | Gale .. | On voyage from Greymouth to Lyttelton heavy squall struck ship, carried away mizenmast with sail set. Mast recovered, but sails lost | James Jamieson. |
| Nov. 15 | Waipua, 23 years | Scow .. | 42 | 3 | .. | .. | Stranded; total loss | Jones's Bay, near Tokatua Point | .. | .. | No inquiry necessary. Owner did not consider her worth expense of refloating | D. W. McKenzie. |
| 1905. Feb. 5 | Anjou (French), 5 years | Barque | 1642 | 22 | .. | Wheat | Stranded; total loss | Near Bristow Point, Auckland Islands | N. | Light breeze. | Vessel was on voyage from Sydney to Falmouth; and, owing to thick, foggy weather, no observation could be got for forty-eight hours prior to the stranding, and land was not seen until ship was within 200 yards. Master tried to go about, but wind fell almost calm—cut off by high cliffs—and she struck the rocks, hanging by the bows. Crew got away at 5 a.m. next day, and remained on the island until the 7th May, when they were removed by "Hinemoa" | A. Le Tellac. |
| " 26 | Elsie, s.s. | .. | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. | Between Putahuia and Watonih Point, Pelorus Sound | .. | .. | That Richard John Coster came to his death by accidentally falling overboard, no blame being attachable to any one | Eugenie Charles Ferano. |
| Mar. 3 | Emma Sims, 10 years | Auxiliary ketch | 61 | 5 | .. | Timber | Grounding; partial loss | N. Beach, Karamea, near Nelson | W. | Moderate | Casualty primarily caused by s.s. "Te Kapu" grounding when towing "Emma Sims"; oil-engines latter failed to act, preventing her from returning up river. There appears to have been water on bar for "Te Kapu," drawing slightly more than "Sims," but possessing superior power | Alfred Kemp. |
| April 1 | Defender, s.s., 4 years | Ketch .. | 117 | 10 | .. | Sheep .. | Stranded; partial wreck | North Spit, inside bar Manawatu River | W. | Light .. | Casualty caused through insufficient depth of water on bar. Damage to ship probably caused by striking a submerged snag | James Jamieson. |
| " 8 | Whakatane, s.s., 5 years | Schooner | 3786 | .. | .. | General | Stranded; no damage | Between Maori Kaik and Harrington Point, Otago Harbour | .. | Squally | Vessel's helm hung when being put over to starboard, and before it righted she touched very slightly, the bottom being mud and sand. | Leonard George Silba. |
| " 8 | Gannet, s.s. .. | .. | 10 | 2 | 4 | General | Stranded; partial loss | Between Pig Island and south shore Queen Charlotte Sound | .. | .. | Heavy sea and dense rain squalls were encountered, and vessel, being under reduced steam, was driven on to rocks. | Thomas W. J. C. Bowden. |
| " 8 | Ururoa, 5 years | Schooner | 196 | 9 | .. | Timber | Stranded; partial loss | Tairua River | S. | Light .. | Vessel, while in tow of s.s. "Onslow," grounded in channel | David Andrew Sharp. |
| " 8 | Riwaka, s.s.} .. | .. | 19 | 3 | 100 | Nil .. | Stranded; no damage | Entrance to Nelson Harbour | N.E. | Moderate | The stranding of the "Riwaka" was occasioned by meeting the s.s. "Wairoa" at the entrance of Nelson Harbour, between Haulshore Island and Arrow Rock. Neither of the captains were to blame, and stranding was not the result of negligence | George Melville Ruston. |