

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department—continued.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1905. Sept. 24	Moana, 5 years	Schooner	7	..	Ballast	Capsized; total loss	Mokau ..	W.	Gale ..	Casualty occurred through the captain anchoring in a wrong position; and when gale came on he could not get vessel out, and she apparently capsized, all hands being lost	E. Jones.
" 27	Turakina, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	102	..	Produce	Fire	Wellington Wharf ..	..	..	While vessel lying alongside, wool and flax found to be on fire in No. 4 hold, 'tween decks. Cause uncertain, probably spontaneous combustion	Frances Forbes.
" 29	Hawk, 4 years	Scow ..	7	..	Ballast	1 life lost; shipped sea	Hokianga Bar ..	S.W.	Hard ..	While crossing bar a sea swept the captain (McDermott) overboard, and he was drowned. Casualty might have been avoided if vessel had stood to sea as instructed by signals	Bernard McDermott.
" 29	Kamea, s.s., ..	Cutter ..	3	..	Rock ..	Stranded; slight damage	North Spit, Nile River, Buller County	S.W.	Light ..	While on trip Westport to Charleston a sea struck vessel and washed her 3 ft. on one side of channel; stern swung into bank and struck gravel, stripping all blades off propeller. Damage to vessel reported as slight	Alfred Casson.
Oct. 19	Kaituna, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	26	..	Coal	Touched ground	1½ miles from Point Pillar, Farewell Spit	N.E.	Fresh breeze	While on voyage from Newcastle to Wellington vessel touched ground. Ship appears to have made too much leeway, which was not allowed for by the master. If the lead had been used he would have found his position, and the casualty would not have happened	John McDrewette.
" 19	County of Ayr, 42 years	Barque, iron, sail	15	..	Timber	Stranded; total loss	Danger Reef, Shag Point, Otago ●	N.E.	..	Vessel sailed from Dunedin for Lyttelton; wind N.E. and variable; thick weather came on, and she made short tacks up the coast instead of keeping out to sea, finally going ashore as stated. Master and first officer severely censured and ordered to pay costs of inquiry	William Tulloch.
Nov. 6	Mapourika, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	40	..	..	Fire	Alongside Railway Wharf, Wellington	..	Calm ..	Fire took place in third engineer's room, starboard side; supposed to have been caused by explosion of kerosene lamp left burning when engineer left his room to post a letter. Some of his clothes and the woodwork of the room charred. Unavoidable accident	Charles Clift.
" 8	Thistle, 14 years	Barque	30	..	Timber	Stranded; total wreck	Palmerston Island, South Pacific Ocean	S.S.E.	Moderate	Master guilty of an error in judgment in altering vessel's course at midnight, thus bringing her nearer the Islands	Edmund England.