

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		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1905. Nov. 21	Corinna, s.s. ..	Schooner	812	20	Produce	Struck reef; partial loss	..	Chaffer's Passage, Wellington	N.	Fresh breeze	Master justified in coming through Chaffer's passage in daytime and in favourable weather, and Court sees no reason to make any recommendation as to non-use of passage, that being a matter in discretion of master. Court also of opinion that master not guilty of negligence while navigating passage, but appears to have been, for some reason unknown to him, and not disclosed to Court, slightly nearer to shore than he thought he was. No order as to costs	Sydney Janos.
"	Stormbird, s.s.	Schooner	129	13	General	£30 loss	..	36 miles S. of Wanganui River	W.N.W.	Fresh	Propeller-blades all dropped off between Wanganui and Wellington. Ship did not strike anything. Unavoidable accident	Peter McIntyre.
"	Zealandia, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	1736	67	General	Stranded; no damage	..	West side, Glasgow Wharf, Napier Harbour	N.W.	Gale	Cause of casualty was that telegraph from the bridge to engine-room was out of order. No damage to ship.	George Frederick Entwistle.
"	Anna, 30 years	Ketch ..	28	4	..	..	2	Foveaux Strait	..	..	Coroner's inquiry: Master William Hanning and seaman John Joss swept overboard by seas and drowned	William Hanning.
"	Patea, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	550	38	General	Breakdown of engines	..	1 mile N.N.E. of Walker Rock, off Cape Jackson	N.W.	Fresh breeze	High-pressure valve guide-bracket broke, and engines stopped for 1½ hours, vessel drifting towards the Brothers; direction, S.E. Repairs temporarily made and ship brought to Wellington. Unavoidable accident	Samuel Kennedy.
Dec. 5	Huita, s.s. ..	Schooner	69	9	Wool	Lost 3 propeller-blades	..	Wanganui ..	S.E.	Light	Ship struck submerged snag going down Wanganui River and broke off all propeller-blades, 3 in number. Unavoidable accident	A. Dowell.
Dec. 16	Jap ..	Scow ..	199	8	..	Collision with scow Rambler	..	Cloudy Bay	N.W.	Squally	Collision caused by schooner "Jap" being taken aback when in stays by a "willie-waugh" and the anchor not bringing the schooner up when let go. Casualty might have been avoided if "Jap" had attempted to anchor to lee of other two schooners	Thomas Norris.
"	Rambler ..	Scow ..	77	4	Railway material	Collision, partial loss	..	Entrance to Patea River	W.	Moderate	Stranding caused by a bar of sand formed across the entrance of river by westerly gales	F. W. Cox.
"	Kapiti, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	80	10	Coal	Stranded; no damage	..	Inside North Head, near Devonport, Auckland Harbour	S.W.	Light	Court found that casualty was caused by the negligent and improper navigation of the master of the "Kapiti." His certificate was suspended for 12 months, and he was ordered to pay costs of inquiry	William James Southgate.
"	Kapanui, s.s., 7 years	Fore-and-aft.	63	8	General	Collision; partial	6	..	..	..	..	James Mewett.
"	Claymore, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	92	11	General	Collision; no damage	..	..	..	..	..	..