

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, ETC.—*continued*.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	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.			Dirac-tion.	Force.		
July 20	Himitangi, s.s., 16 years	Schooner	149	16	General	Trifling accident to machinery	..	At sea between Chat-ham Islands and Lyttelton	N.W.	Strong	Steam-pipe burst owing to flaw in copper ..	C. Thompson.
" 25-27	Waimate, s.s., 19 years	Schooner	3,629	56	General	Damage by heavy seas	..	South Indian Ocean	S.W.	Gale ..	The ship encountered very stormy weather for three days and shipped heavy seas, which did considerable damage to ship and cargo	G. F. Mead.
" 27-30	Ota ki, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	4,611	62	General	Damage by heavy seas	..	South Indian Ocean	S.W. and N.W.	Gale ..	The ship experienced very heavy gales, rising to hurricane force, and shipped heavy seas, which carried away the deck cargo. Very little damage was done to the ship	A. B. Smith.
" 29	Sparrowhawk, s.s., 3 years	Ferry-boat	99	4	Vehicles	Collision; trifling damage	}	Auckland Harbour ..	S.W.	Light ..	The vessels collided in dense fog ..	C. Williams.
" 29	Eagle, p.s., ..	Ferry-boat	138	4	..	Collision; trifling damage		Barrett's Reef, Wellington Heads	N.	Light ..	The master did not take proper precautions to see that the vessel was kept on her proper course within the white sector of Some's Island light. His certificate was suspended for three months, and he was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry	C. Poole.
Aug. 5	Corinna, s.s., 33 years	Schooner	812	30	General	Stranded; damage, £500	..	King's Wharf, Auckland	..	..	The cause of the explosion, which fatally injured the master, is not known, but was probably due to carelessness on the part of those on board, who were smoking and were under the influence of liquor	D. Cameron.
" 21	Rosalie ..	Cutter ..	6	1	Explosives	Explosion of keg of powder; damage, £75	1	Lat. 33° 53' S., long. 153° E.	..	..	The H.P. piston-rod ran hot, and the H.P. engine was disconnected and the trip continued with the engines working compound	W. R. Huff.
" 26	Riverina, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	2,808	98	General	Broken piston	..	Orewa Beach, Auckland	N.W.	Calm ..	The master set the course and left the vessel in charge of William Sutcliffe, A.B., who altered the course without authority, and also failed to call the master, as instructed, and consequently ran the vessel ashore	G. F. Entwistle.
" 31	Endeavour, aux., 11 years	Schooner	54	4	Coke ..	Stranded; slight damage	..	25 miles from Godley Head	..	Calm ..	The intermediate slide-spindle broke ..	A. E. Ragg.
Sept. 9	Riverina, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	2,808	99	General	Slight accident to machinery	..	Cook Strait ..	N.W.	Light ..	Struck a submerged object, presumably a floating log	G. F. Entwistle.
" 9	Squall, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	145	14	Cement	Broken propeller-blade	..	Off Ponto Point, Kaipara	S.	Gale ..	The vessel was steering a course with the sun right ahead, and the red buoy marking the channel was not distinguished in the bright sunshine until it was too late to avoid running on to a sandbank	R. Fletcher.
" 20	Waihora, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	2,993	41	..	Stranded; no damage	..	Mouth of Tupapeka River	..	Calm ..	A valve had been left open, and as the vessel was filling with water she was beached to avoid sinking	A. C. Showman.
" 25	Clutha, p.s., 4 years	..	96	6	General	Stranded; no damage	..		..	Calm ..		K. Tsukigawa.