

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg. No.	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.		
Nov. 20	Duchess, s.s., 18 years	137	6	170	..	Collision with wharf; no damage to ship	..	Ferry Wharf, Wellington	N.	Light ..	When endeavouring to pass a hulk which was being towed across the course, the vessel collided with the wharf	J. Lowry.
" 21	Wimmera, s.s., 11 years	1,872	76	80	General	Collision with wharf; no damage	..	Queen's Wharf, Wellington	S.E.	Moderate gale	When the vessel was being moored the strong wind caused her stem to strike the wharf and cause it some damage	H. J. Kell.
" 26	Rewa, o.e.v., 2 years	6	2	1	Iron rails	Capsized; no damage to ship	..	Tasman Bay	S.W.	Light ..	The vessel was swamped through being top-heavily loaded. The master was not entitled to carry deck cargo, and was ordered to pay the cost of the inquiry	E. V. Johnson.
" 28	Waitohi, s.s., 12 years	18	3	..	..	Stranded; trifling damage	..	Tory Channel	N.W.	Fresh breeze	Pin came out of shackle of steering-gear, and the tide carried the vessel ashore, slightly damaging her stem	A. A. Perano.
Dec. 2	Jane, o.e.v., 30 years	22	5	..	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Okura River	..	Calm ..	Whilst proceeding up the river the engines stopped, and the current carried the vessel on to a sandbank	O. F. McIntyre.
" 9	Ashburton, s.s., 10 years	2,833	47	..	General	Slight accident to machinery	..	Lat. 38° 46' S., long. 164° 40' E.	..	..	The L.P. column of main engines was found to be cracked at fillet in front and on either side and a bolt broken	C. Matthews.
" 13	May, 23 years	44	4	..	..	Stranded; damage, £60	..	Waikato Island, Auckland	E.	Fresh breeze	When being beached to load shingle a gust of wind caught her and drove her on the rocks	A. E. Ragg.
" 22 (and Feb. 5, 1916)	Talawa, s.s., 9 years	2,408	42	..	..	Fire; slight damage	..	(1) Off Cape Bara-ra-coutta, South Africa, and (2) about 150 miles off North Cape, New Zealand	..	..	Fire was discovered in bunkers, and extinguished, on 22nd December, 1915, and again on 5th February, 1916. Supposed to have been due to spontaneous combustion	J. N. Beighton.
1916 Jan. 1	Himitangi, s.s., 16 years	149	16	..	Wool ..	Broken propeller-blades; damage, £35	..	Manukau, Chatham Islands	N.W.	Light ..	Vessel struck a sunken rock, and stripped three blades of her propeller	C. Thompson.
" 6	Pohorua, s.s., 26 years	749	25	..	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Otago Harbour	S.E.	Strong	Whilst proceeding from Port Chalmers to Dunedin the vessel grounded on a sandbank, but floated off on rising tide	J. Baldwin.
" 12	Magic, aux., 14 years	58	4	..	..	Stranded; damage, £15	..	Evans Bay, Wellington Harbour	N.N.W.	Strong..	On leaving the wharf at Miramar the wind proved too strong for the oil-engines, and the vessel drifted ashore	P. Peldek.
" 17	Iona, o.e.v., 5 years	2	2	..	..	Fire; total loss	..	Moto Rua Island, Bay of Islands	S.	Light ..	The benzine ignited when the tank was being refilled, and the launch was burnt to the water's edge. It is not known what caused the oil to ignite	S. Hansen.
" 18	Mana, s.s., 30 years	77	10	..	Produce	Collision with wharf; damage, £15	..	Wellington Harbour	N.	Light ..	Owing to the engines refusing to go astern the vessel ran into the wharf	V. E. Johansen
" 21	Kawau, s.s., 17 years	53	9	23	General	Trifling accident to machinery	..	Hauraki Gulf	W.	Light ..	The H.P. eccentric strap carried away	E. Olsen.