

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1916, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1917.

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.		
1915.												
Dec. 24	Farina, o.e.v., 4 years	Launch	5	2	..	Collision; no damage	..	Tauranga Harbour ..	..	Calm	The casualty was due to the negligence or default of Godfrey Petersen, who was steering the Public Works launch, in improperly altering the course of the launch	J. D. Faulkner. G. Petersen.
"	Oil-launch (no name) belonging to Public Works Department	Launch	4	1	2	Collision; damage, £15	..		..	Calm		
1916.												
Mar. 11	Wave, o.e.v., 12 years	Schooner	21	4	..	Trifling accident to machinery	..	Off Mercury Bay ..	E.	..	The crank of port engine broke ..	F. Beach.
April 9	Invercargill, s.s., 31 years	Schooner	123	12	..	Stranded; no damage	..	New River Estuary ..	W.S.W.	Squally	The vessel was anchored in lower harbour, and was struck by a heavy squall, which caused her to drag anchor and ground on a sandbank	D. Hanning.
"	Tangaroa, s.s., 17 years	Ketch ..	110	9	34	General	..	Wairoa Bay ..	..	Calm	Touched the groyne when entering the river	H. Anderson.
"	Flora, s.s., 34 years	Schooner	838	36	..	General	..	Lat. 19° 41' S., long. 159° 44' E.	E.	Light	The H.P. crank-shaft broke, and the vessel was taken in tow to Auckland by the s.s. "Mapourika"	E. J. M. Appleyard.
"	Dongarra, s.s., 10 years, late Stolzentfels	Schooner	3,554	53	..	General	..	Lat. 35° 17' S., long. 167° 50' E.	..	Calm	The after crank web of second I.P. engine broke. The main engines were disconnected, and the vessel continued her voyage under first I.P. engine only	J. Mackay.
May 5	Moa, o.e.v., 7 years	Launch	3	1	4	..	..	Diamond Harbour, Lyttelton	..	Calm	The collision was attributed to glare of electric lights	J. D. Miller.
"	Matariki, o.e.v., 8 years	Launch	4	1	..	..	..		..	Calm	..	A. Anderson.
"	Waro, aux., 40 years	Schooner	34	5	..	Coal	..	Waipu Beach ..	S.E.	Moderate	The casualty was caused through the neglect of J. Braidford, A.B., in failing to keep a vigilant lookout. The master was guilty of a breach of his duty in leaving Braidford in sole charge of the vessel and in neglecting to see that a proper lookout was kept. He was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry, £6 12s.	Wm J. Paine.
"	Tararawa, scow, 31 years	Ketch ..	44	3	..	..	..	Off Onerahi Wharf, Whangarei	S.E.	Gale	Caused through the "Kiata" dragging her anchor and striking the "Tararawa" on the stern	J. McCormick.
"	Kiata, 9 years	Ketch ..	20	2	..	..	..		W.	Moderate	..	N. Oliver.
"	Aparima, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	3,684	136	4	General	..	South Pacific	..	Moderate	Fire caused through overheating of funnel by highly combustible coal—a mixture of New-castle and Southern New South Wales	J. E. McDonald.