

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1922, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1923

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.
			Registered Tonnage.	Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1922.												
Jan. 25	Ngatiawa, s.s., 16 years	Schooner	220	22	25	General	Accident to machinery; £100 damage	..	..	Calm ..	Low - pressure piston - head carried away. Engine converted to compound, but cylinder-cover and cylinder broke later	A. Parris.
Feb. 16	Valmarie, 3 years	Schooner	256	12	1	..	Stranded ..	..	E.	Moderate	The Court found that the master committed a slight error of judgment in standing in too close when tacking. His chart showed sufficient depth of water, but the "New Zealand Pilot" gave notice that the sands were shifting. Vessel refloated. Certificates of master and mate returned	George Schultze.
Jan. 21	Kapua, aux., 10 years	F. and A.	6	4	..	8,000 ft. kauri	Tail - shaft carried away; £15 damage	..	S.E.	Light ..	The tail-shaft carried away, but vessel continued voyage under sail; propeller not lost	W. H. Stephens.
Feb. 26	Maori, s.s.	Schooner	1,567	103	246	..	Collision ..	Forty-five miles north-east from Godley Head	N.W.	Light	The Court found that a good and proper lookout was kept on both ships, but a low-lying haze around the "Zita" reduced the visibility of her side lights; that the chief officer of the "Maori" acted properly in porting his helm, but it would have been better had he indicated his change of course by signal on the whistle, and that the chief officer of the "Zita" acted properly, as he was not aware that the "Maori" had seen him. No order made as to costs.	B. Irwin.
" 26	Zita, aux.	Schooner	73	8	..	..	Collision ..	..	..	..	Owing to a faulty link the steering-chain carried away and the vessel went ashore on the north mole, but was refloated on following tide	H. Johansen.
Mar. 7	Gale, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	453	21	..	..	Stranded; no damage	Bar, Wanganui River	W.	Fresh breeze	That the collision was due to Captain Sellars's (master of the "Wairau") disregard of the accepted rules of good seamanship, and particularly out of (a) a serious breach of articles 20, 23, 24, and especially article 25 of the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea in that he did not keep to his own starboard side of channel as directed in said article 25; and (b) non-observance of Regulation 31 of the General Harbour Regulations (New Zealand) in that he did not have a helmsman assisting him in navigating his ship, although such ship had a crew of six men	A. Robertson.
" 31	Wairau, s.s.	Cutter ..	220	15	..	25 tons	Collision; no damage	..	..	..	..	George H. Sellars.
" 31	Laura, 34 years ..	Barquentine	226	13	..	493 tons coal ..	Collision; no damage	Dargaville Wharf, Kaipara Harbour	S.W.	5	..	Alex. H. Watchlin.
" 31	Molly, 15 years ..	Cutter ..	3	1	..	..	Collision; £150 damage	..	..	..	..	Herbert W. Stribitsky.