

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Register Tonnage.	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.		
1922. May 29	Devon, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	6,147	86	..	Produce	Fire; no damage ..	..	Lyttelton Wharf ..	W.N.W	Light ..	Smoke was seen coming from bunkers, and coal was found to be heated and smouldering in lower bunker	H. W. Gardner.
"	Canadian Scottish, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	3,242	43	1	Timber	Leaking; no damage	..	Tasman Sea ..	..	..	Slight leakage occurred owing to slack rivets, caused by vibration	N. P. Hocking.
"	Wiltshire, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	7,801	103	..	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Great Barrier Island, Auckland	E.N.E.	Gale ..	The Court found that the master was guilty of a grave error of judgment in continuing at full speed when according to the course set and the speed travelled he should have picked up Cuvier Light, and also in failing to take immediate action when danger was indicated by a sounding which was taken. The master was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry	B. G. Hayward.
June 2	Gael, s.s., 19 years	Cutter ..	55	9	..	General	Stranded; trifling damage	..	Matakana ..	E.	Strong	A heavy fresh in river caused vessel to take ground, starting the rudder-post	E. J. Wann.
"	Kennedy, s.s., 55 years	Schooner	131	12	..	General	Stranded; trifling damage	..	Manawatu River Bar	N.W.	Light ..	Touched bottom when crossing bar and sagged towards north spit, where she grounded, but floated off on rise of tide	A. M. Stuart.
"	222 (Dredge), s.s., 41 years	Dredge ..	502	12	5	..	Collision; no damage	..	Otago Harbour	..	Light	When nearing No. 10 black beacon master of "Express" stopped his engines, resulting in his vessel's head swinging off to starboard and striking dredge's quarter with her stern	F. W. Roberts.
"	Express (Trawler), s.s., 40 years	Schooner	36	6	..	Fish	Collision; £20 to £30 damage	..	..	..	..	Vessel destroyed by fire; total loss. Cause unknown	Edward Ryffel.
"	Firefly, aux. ..	Schooner	8	..	..	Pleasure only ..	Total loss by fire; £400 value	..	Matahui Bay, Russell	..	..	..	John P. English (owner).
"	Haere (scow), 19 years	Schooner	99	5	..	Timber, approx. 138 tons	Stranded; damage not stated	..	Scot's Point, seven miles south from Cape Maria Van Diemen	S.W.	Squally	When sheltering from northerly gale about one mile from Scot's Point, the wind changed, and on endeavouring to get out vessel was driven ashore, notwithstanding that anchor had been let go in 30 fathoms	Peter Hyham.
"	Rona, s.s., 4 years	Schooner	3,784	52	..	Sugar, 7,000 tons; molasses, 1,282 tons	Stranded; £11,000 damage	..	Flat Rock, Auckland	N.E.	..	The Court held that a minor part of the blame should fall on the master, who was ordered to pay one-half the costs, and that practically all the responsibility was upon the chief officer, whose certificate was suspended for six months, and he was ordered to pay half the costs of the inquiry	James A. Wallis.
"	Irene (schooner), 33 years	Schooner	24	3	..	..	Stranded; £15 damage	..	Off Brown's Island, Auckland Harbour	W.S.W.	Light ..	The master had left the vessel in charge of an A.B., who attempted to make through Tamaki Passage on a strong ebb tide, but the vessel grounded on a sandbank	J. Johansen.