

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	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.		
Oct. 11	Selwyn (sail)	F. and A.	82	4	..	120 tons sand..	Chain-plate of $\frac{1}{2}$ topmast carried away; £15 damage	..	Two miles off Bream Tail, Whangarei	W.	..	The topmast chain-plate carried away, and topmast broke about 1 ft. below cap caused by chain-plate having completely rusted away inside bulwark-rail	E. Johansen.
" 13	Montrose, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	2,884	64	..	General	Fouled Jerminham light-buoy	..	Wellington Harbour..	N.N.W.	Gale	Ship dragged anchor with 75 fathoms of chain and fouled Jerminham Point light-buoy, damaging it slightly, and incurring slight damage to three of propeller-blades. Accident unavoidable	D. Reid.
" 20	Motu, o.e.v., 2 years	Ketch ..	109	9	..	General, 50 tons	Starboard main bearing of engine broke down; £7 damage	..	Off Waiteke Island, Hauraki Gulf, Auckland	S.W.	Strong	During passage from Kutarere to Auckland starboard main bearing of engines broke down, compelling ship to finish passage with port engine only	William Gash.
" 27	Kennedy, s.s., 55 years	F. and A.	131	12	..	..	Stranding ..	..	Foxton Bar	W.	Light moderate	Owing to insufficient water when crossing the bar the vessel grounded and remained fast till 4th November, resulting in damage to floors under boiler, rudder-quadrant, and forward winch	A. McP. Stuart.
" 28	Corinna, s.s., 40 years	Schooner	791	34	..	General, 1,000 tons	Collision with wharf	..	Wharf 16, Wellington	..	Calm	When berthing vessel bumped wharf forward, causing chain cable, which was hanging over side, to penetrate plate on after side of hawse-pipe on port bow, the accident being attributed to vessel not reversing quickly enough	Frank H. Hedge.
Nov. 3	Alexander, s.s., 20 years	Schooner	185	16	..	..	Collision ..	..	Wellington ..	S.	Breeze	When berthing, wheel-chain carried away, doing no damage to ship, but slightly damaging the wharf	John Maylen.
" 5	Seagull (sail), 18 years	Schooner	25	4	..	..	Bowsprit carried away; £25 damage	..	Three miles and a half off land, abreast Mangawai	W.	5	Squall struck vessel, causing bobstay to part and carrying away bowsprit at stem just forward of gammoning and disabling all headgear. Accident unavoidable. Examination showed inch chain on bobstay perished	F. Jensen.
" 12	Breeze, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	286	16	..	General	Fractured shaft ..	..	Off Moeraki Lighthouse	S.	8	When about a mile off lighthouse fracture discovered in second length of tunnel shafting, and after temporary repairs were effected vessel reached Timaru	A. Robertson.
" 14	Eileen Ward, s.s., 13 years	Cutter ..	472	16	..	Spoil, about 900 tons	Stranded; no damage	..	Entrance, Buller River	W.S.W.	Strong	When straightening up to go to sea to discharge spoil, vessel was caught by strong W.S.W. wind and strong easterly set, and having insufficient steam-pressure drifted on to sand-bank, where, after remaining about four hours, vessel with assistance of s.s. " Nile " was worked off again, apparently sustaining no damage.	Leonard W. Crowe.