

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg. Tonnage	Rtg.	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.		
1924. June 23	Kauri, s.s., 19 years	1,830	..	36	..	Coal and poles, 4,413 tons	Cracked plate in fore-head peak	..	Tasman Sea	W.	Gale ..	On voyage Newcastle to Bluff a leak was discovered in the forepeak, resulting from a vertical crack of 8 in. in one of the plates, which was cemented until repairs could be carried out at port	R. L. Davies.
" 24	Thomas Currell, s.s., 5 years	84	Ketch ..	10	..	..	Struck submerged object	..	1½ miles off Great King, North Cape, N.Z.	W.	Fair ..	Vessel struck submerged object, but shock so light that fishing was continued, and on return to Auckland examination showed keel about 6ft. from bow was slightly bent for about 8 in., but no other damage	F. Johnstone.
July 4	Waioapu, s.s., 11 years	3,736	F. and A.	20	..	9,500 tons	Fire; damage £1 ..	..	Auckland ..	S.	6	Portion of a towel was found smouldering on deck by a greaser, who threw a bucket of water over it, and on deck being examined it was found that planking, 1 ft. by 6 in. by 3 in. deep, was charred	J. S. F. Brown.
" 6	Daphne, s.s., 20 years	100	Cutter ..	16	10	..	Rocking-shaft main engine carried away; £10 damage	..	10¼° S.E. of Cape Brett	S.E.	Moderate	At 10.40 p.m. it was discovered that from some unknown cause rocking-shaft, main engines, had carried away, thereby putting circulating-pumps out of action, but not causing damage to ship or cargo; therefore donkey-pump put into action, and vessel proceeded to Auckland under easy steam	E. H. S. Goertz.
" 7	War Lord, sail, 7 years	98	T o p sail schooner	8	..	70 tons	Stranding, total loss; £5,000	..	Waikokopu ..	S.	Gale ..	The Court held that the casualty was caused through the breaking of the starboard anchor-chain, and that not only was the casualty not caused by any wrongful act or default on the part of the master, but that he was to be commended for the seamanlike manner in which he beached the vessel, thus avoiding loss of life	J. Lowry.
" 21	Tees, s.s., 12 years	247	Schooner	17	15	General, 60 tons	H.P. cylinder cracked	..	Lat. 43° 48' S, long. 179° 31' W.	S.S.W.	7	Vessel was proceeding fullspeed in moderate sea when she was suddenly struck on starboard side by heavy sea in shape of a tidal wave, causing her to heel over extremely, and water to find its way into engine-room and stokehold, cracking h.p. cylinder. Vessel was slowed down and subsequently stopped for repairs	A. T. Dowell.
" 27	Maiko, s.s., 10 years	247	F. and A.	21	6	400 tons	Steering-chain carried away; £5 damage	..	Auckland ..	..	Calm ..	Whilst warming up engines preparatory to leaving wharf, put helm hard-a-starboard when chain carried away	W. S. Clark.
..	Progress, s.s., 42 years	181	Schooner	12	..	General, 250 tons	Bumped wharf	..	Wellington ..	N.	Strong	When berthing with starboard side to No. 13 wharf, ship bumped wharf, doing slight damage to top plate on starboard bow, but no damage to wharf	H. T. Hay.