

RETURN of WRECKS on which INQUIRIES have been held under "The Inquiry into Wrecks Act," or for which Casualty Returns have been received, between 1st July, 1871, and 30th June, 1872.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel; Age and Class when known.	Rig.	Registered Tonnage.	Number of Crew.	Number of Passengers.	Nature of Cargo.	Nature of Casualty.	Number of Lives Lost.	Place where Casualty took place.	Wind.		Finding of the Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master of Vessel.
										Direction.	Force.		
1871.													
June 11	Brothers and Sister, 20 years.	Ketch	21	3	...	Ballast	Stranded; total loss.	...	...	N.E.	Moderate	Mooring lines chafed by rocks, a heavy sea coming into the bay.	Edward Perkins.
July 20	Waterman, 4 years.	Brigantine	113	8	...	General	"	...	About three miles North of Hokitika River.	W.	Fresh breeze	Error of judgment on part of master, in running in too close to the land in bad weather, with glass very low.	John Le Brun.
" 31	Premier, 9 years.	Barque	296	11	...	Coal	"	...	Oamaru Bay, South side.	N.N.W.	Fresh and unsteady.	No blame whatever attributed to the master or his officers; and that all was done that possibly could be done to save the ship.	H. J. Bowan.
Aug. 9	Canterbury, 8 years.	Schooner	76	6	...	General	Stranded; partial loss.	...	Bar of Buller River.	N.N.E.	Moderate	Master exonerated from blame.	J. Ruxton.
" 13	Dunedin	"	66	5	...	Produce	Loss of life.	2	Fifty miles East of Flat Point.	S.S.W.	Strong gale	...	James Stuart.
" 30	Peter Cracroft, 9 years.	Cutter	19	2	...	Firewood	Stranded; total loss.	...	Four miles South of East Cape of Great Barrier Island.	S.S.W.	Whole gale	Stress of weather.	Samuel Bolt.
" 30	Rifleman, 9 years.	Schooner (3-masted.)	81	6	2	General	Stranded; partial loss.	...	Okapu Bay, Great Barrier Island.	S.S.W.	"	Miscalculation of the vessel's position when laid-to.	Joseph Hobbs.
Sept. 9	Murray, s.s., 8 years, and Charles Edward, p.s., 7 years.	Schooner "	57	12	2	"	Collision; partial loss of Murray.	...	Bar of Buller River.	N.E.	Light	Master of Charles Edward blamed for causing collision by want of care, and for going to sea without inquiring whether Murray wanted assistance.	Abraham Palmer.
" 13	Tell	Barque	302	9	...	Ballast	Stranded; partial loss.	...	Steeple Rock, Wellington Harbour.	S.S.E.	Fresh to moderate & squally.	Neglect of master in not having shortened sail in time.	William Davidson.
" 14	Lytelton, p.s., 13 years.	Schooner	86	...	...	General	"	...	South of entrance of Buller River.	S.E.	Strong breeze	Vessel was accidentally caught on a sunken anchor.	William Scott.
" 21	Lady Bird, 20 years.	Schooner (3-masted.)	303	10	5	Ballast	"	...	South end, Barrett's Reef, Wellington Harbour.	Variable.	Light	Accident caused by change of wind whilst vessel in stays.	Ferdinand Holm.
" 30	Zephyr	Brigantine	135	8	...	General	"	...	North Spit of the entrance to the Hokitika River.	S.W.	Fresh breeze	Accidental. No blame attributed to master.	Thomas Hughes.