

RETURN of WRECKS on which INQUIRIES have been held, &c.—continued.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel; also Age and Class when known.	Rig.	Registers 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.		
Nov. 25	Aparima	Ketch	30	3	...	Ballast	Stranded; total loss.	...	Mataura River; 500 yards west of the entrance.	Calm	...	Loss result of circumstances altogether beyond the control of parties concerned.	Edward Kerns.
Dec. 14	Midge, 13 years.	Schooner	92	9	...	General	"	...	½ mile S. of Ponto Point, Kaipara.	S.W.	Moderate breeze	Error of judgment on part of pilot in charge.	David Arthur Stuart.
" 28	Golden Crown, p.s., 1 year, and Avon, 7 years.	" Cutter	208 19	19 3	116 ...	Ballast "	Collision; with but little damage.	...	Between Ponui Island and the Sand-spit, Teihmaki Strait.	W.S.W.	"	George Baker, mate of the Golden Crown, did not properly comply with articles 15 and 16 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.	Joseph Ellis. William Lombard.
Not known.	Rifeman, 9 years.	Schooner (3-masted.)	81	6	...	"	Supposed foundered.	Supposed 6	Last seen off Cape Campbell.	Supposed S.E.	Supposed Heavy gale.	Supposed to have foundered at sea during heavy S.E. gale.	Peter Toomey.
1872. Feb. 20	Heathcote, 5 years.	Ketch	22	3	General	Stranded; total loss.	...	...	South Head of West Wanganui Inlet, Middle Island.	S.E.	Whole gale	Heavy gale caused vessel to drag anchor; no blame attached to master.	James Moore.
" 24	Onehunga	Schooner	61	6	"	"	"	...	Oamaru Bay	N.E.	Gale	Casualty unavoidable; master not to blame.	R. P. Crouch.
Mar. 13	Pilot, 6 years.	Cutter	16	3	...	Stranded; partial loss.	...	...	Scotia Rock, Bluff Harbour.	N.E.	Light breeze	Not sufficient allowance made for strength of tide.	Roger Owen.
" 15	Huntress	Schooner	75	6	Ballast	Stranded; total loss.	...	...	2½ miles south of Cape Brett.	E.S.E.	Strong	Error of judgment in not having steered a more westerly course.	H. D. Bower.
" 16	Indiaman, 17 years.	Ship	Supposed 1,200	18	Ballast, and 35 tons potatoes.	"	...	...	Easter Island	W.	...	In absence of master and officers, no conclusion can be arrived at; but if men's account is to be relied on, vessel should not have been taken from Melbourne without docking and thorough repair. It seems a most extraordinary proceeding to strand a ship on the rocks—after being at anchor for several days—kedged ashore in order to "break her up to save what material they could." Assistance at the pump was obtained from the Island, and there is nothing to show that any in-	Albert Miltpøus.