

RETURN of Wrecks on which Enquiries have been held under the Enquiry into Wrecks Act, or for which Casualty Returns have been received, between the 1st July, 1877, and the 30th June, 1878.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel; also, Age and Class when known.	Rig.	Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of Cargo.	Nature of Casualty.	Number of Lives Lost.	Place where Casualty happened.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.					Direction.	Force.		
1877. July 8	Stormbird, s.s., 23 years;	Schooner	69	...	...	Ballast	Collision; partial loss	...	Wellington Harbour	S.S.E.	Strong breeze	Collision caused by the light on board the "Isabelle," which vessel was at anchor, being obscured as the "Stormbird" approached	Peter Doile.
"	Isabelle, 7½ years	"	129	...	...	Coal	Collision; partial loss	...	½ mile to westward of Ponui Passage light	W.S.W.	Light	Casualty caused by carelessness of those on board the "Atah," and the "Southern Cross" not slowing her engines when she lost sight of the "Adah's" light	John Barnard. Francis Holmes.
"	Southern Cross, s.s., 3½ years;	Ketch	139	18	1	Ballast	Stranded; total loss	...	Rabi Island, Fiji Group	S.	Fresh breeze	...	William Jones. John Urquhart.
"	Adah, 1½ years	"	29	3	1	General	Stranded; total loss	...	of a mile outside outer North Head of Hokiang Harbour	Calm	...	...	George Loverock.
"	Jessie Henderson, 3 years	Schooner	92	9	1	Copra	Stranded; total loss	...	Cullen Point, Port of Havelock	...	...	...	Louis Pike.
"	Meru, 8 years	"	237	10	...	Timber	Stranded; no damage	...	On a patch of rocks off Rotaro Islands, Waitaha Passage, Auckland	E.	Moderate	Casualty occurred through an accident	Gregory Seymour Norris.
"	Canterbury	"	34	3	...	Timber	Stranded;	...		...	...	...
"	Fairlie, 11½ years	"	177	7	...	N.Z. produce	Stranded; partial loss	...		...	...	...
Aug. 8	Taranaki, s.s., 12 years	"	327	25	21	General	Collision; total loss of sailing vessel	...	West of Pigeon Bay Entrance, nearer to Port Levy	E.N.E.	Light breeze	"Quiver" considered to blame for not attempting to get out of the way of the "Taranaki" when she was seen approaching. "Quiver" was not seen by "Taranaki" until collision, and it is doubtful if she had any light burning	John Griffiths.
"	Quiver, 7 years	Ketch	20	2	...	Ballast	Stranded; total loss	1	N.E. extreme end of Macquarie Island	E.	Hurricane	Wreck caused by a very heavy gale causing cables to part during the night	Charles Smith. Henry Douglas Bezer.
"	Beucleuch, 6 years	Schooner	66	13	...	Stores (sailing)	Collision; partial loss	...	In Wellington Harbour, about 800 yards from wharf	N.W.	Strong breeze	Collision caused by the "Luna" not keeping out of the way of the "Herald," in accordance with section 15 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea	Stephen Bascand
"	Luna, p.s., 13 years	"	247	20	...	Coal	Stranded; total loss	1	Forewell Spit	...	Fresh breeze	Master adjudged guilty of grave default in not using lead and other means of ascertaining his position when so near the shore and on a strange coast. Master's certificate suspended for three years. The certificate of John Ernest Going, second mate, was suspended for six months, as he was the officer of the watch at the time of the stranding, and did not use proper precautions to keep the vessel off the shore. The first mate was in as grave an error as the master as to the navigation of the ship; the Court, however, did not suspend his certificate as he was not responsible, being acting under the master's orders*	Donald McKay. John Sayes Davies
"	Herald, 10 years	"	53	5	...	Ballast	Collision; partial loss	...		...	...	...
"	Queen Bee, 18 years, Al 5 years,	Barque	726	24	30	General	Stranded; total loss	...		...	...	...

* The Board of Trade have reduced the period of suspension of Captain Davies' certificate from three years to one year, and have granted him a mate's certificate during the period of suspension.