

Date	Ship	Age	Tonnage	Value	Loss	Ballast	Supposed	At sea, supposed between	Direction	Force	Cause	Person
Jan. 12	Excelsior	12 years	6	...	Supposed foundered; total loss	...	6	Wellington	Vessel left Timaru for Wellington on 12th January, 1878, and has not since been heard of	William Hunt.
" 13	Nellic	1 year	5	...	Stranded; total loss	New Zealand produce	...	Astrolabe Reef, off Motiti Island, Bay of Plenty, East Coast, New Zealand	W.S.W.	Moderate breeze	Wreck caused by neglect of the Master in not seeing that a proper look-out was kept; his certificate was suspended one month, and he was ordered to pay costs of inquiry	Alexander George Armstrong.
" 16	Huon Belle	14 years	3	...	Stranded; partial loss	Wool	...	South side Moeraki Beach	W.N.W.	Strong gale	Casualty caused by negligence on the part of the Master, whose New Zealand Certificate of Service, No. 2062, was suspended for six months	Robert Hughes.
" 24	Oriental	14 years	11	281	Stranded; total loss	Guano	...	West side of Malden Island	S.W.	Strong	The anchor came home when the vessel was anchored close to the beach	John Brown.
Feb. 14	Excelsior	18 years	8	35	Stranded; total loss	Ballast	...	Amuri Bluff anchorage	N.E.	Gentle breeze	Casualty caused by force of wind causing anchors to drag	William Atkins Payne.
" 19	Gainsborough	11 years	40	974	Loss of bob-stay, bowsprit, &c.	General	...	At sea, 156° East long., 44° South lat.	N.E.	Strong breeze	Casualty caused by stress of weather	John Carter.
" 21	Nees	2 years	3	31	Stranded; damage slight	Timber	...	South Beach, Waipara River, Poverty Bay	N.W.	Moderate	Stranding caused by insufficient depth of water	James Stephens.
Mar. 2	Glencoe	30 years	8	159	Stranded; total loss	Timber	...	Rocks at Gore Bay	N.E.	Moderate gale	Casualty caused by force of wind causing the moorings to which the vessel was fastened to drag	James Carey.
" 4	Canterbury	23 years	3	34	Stranded; total loss	Ballast and few pags. sundries	...	Obakuri Bay, Tory Channel	S.E.	Strong gale	Casualty caused by a gale rising and causing anchors to drag while the vessel was at anchor in Obakuri Bay	Louis Pike.
" 22	Omaha	4 years	7	133	Stranded; partial loss	General ballast	...	On a reef of rocks about one-third mile from shore, opposite Cuscombhouse, Waitangi Bay, Chatham Idls.	N.W.	Moderate gale	Casualty caused by vessel missing stays and getting among kelp while beating out of Waitangi Bay, Chatham Islands	George Jackson Hughes.
" 24	Palmerston	3 years	3	25	Stranded; partial loss	Sawn timber	...	Rocks near Maori kaiti, in New River	Westerly	Gentle breeze	Casualty caused by delay in letting go the anchor when it was found that the vessel was making no headway owing to the current	Robert Brebner.
April 1	Kedar	14 years	13	532	Abandoned; water lodged	Timber	1	South Pacific Ocean, about 17° 20' S., 161° 9' W.	N.E.	Hurricane	Casualty caused by hurricane	Peter Johnson.
May 11	Lily of the Wave		1	10	Stranded; total loss	Rock near Arrow Nelson Harbour	N.W.	Whole gale	Casualty caused by vessel being left at anchor without any one on board	Hone Raniera, alias John Daniel.
" 31	Kentish Har	1 1/2 years	15	569	Loss of wheel and mizzen-top-mast	General	1	Lat. 44° 40' S., long. 74° E.	W.N.W.	Whole gale	Loss of wheel, &c., caused by shipping heavy sea	Walter Pottinger.
" 11	Mermaid	28 years	2	9	Stranded; total loss	Limestone	...	North Tata Island, Massacre Bay	N.E.	Moderate gale	Casualty caused by cable parting through heavy swell	William Smith.
" 15	Aurore	10 years	5	52	Collision; partial loss	Ballast	...	Queen Charlotte's Sound, New Zealand, off Boot Cove	W.N.W.	Light	Casualty caused by error in judgment of George Saunders, second mate of the "Wellington," who held no certificate, in starboarding his helm and endeavouring to pass ahead of the "Aurora." Second mate of "Wellington" ordered to pay costs of inquiry	George Romeril.
" 15	Wellington, s.s.		19	279	Collision; slightly damaged	General	15					Thomas McGee.