

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department, from the 1st April, 1885, to the 31st March, 1886.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Registered tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1885. March 1	Halcione ..	Ship ..	843	..	..	General	Loss of life only	Lat. 44° 38' S., long. 61° 12' E.	W.	Gale ..	An A.B., W. Simms, while engaged aloft stowing main-topgallant-staysail, fell from the rigging, striking his head on the rail, and then overboard and was lost	Ernest J. Parker.
April 1	Joliba, 25 years	Barque..	310	..	Grain ..	Stranded; partial loss	Stranded; partial loss	Tolosa Head, South Head of Lyttelton Harbour	N.W. to N.E.	Unsteady	Anchor should have been let go when vessel missed stays	Charles Gram- kie.
"	Circe, 16 years	Brigantine	145	7	Coal ..	Stranded; slight damage	Stranded; slight damage	Opposite lights-ship, Te-waevae Point, Bluff Harbour	S.W.	Moderate	Vessel working into harbour, when she attempted to put about, and not doing so quickly she grounded	Jacob Eckhoff.
"	Ruapahu, s.s., 1 year, 100A1	Barque..	2655	..	General	Stranded; no damage	Stranded; no damage	East end of Lambton Bay, Wellington Har- bour	S.E.	Light ..	Vessel grounded when coming up harbour in charge of pilot	Charles Curtis Brough.
"	Wallace, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	108	17	General	Stranded; partial loss	Stranded; partial loss	North Spit, mouth of Hokitika River	N.	Gentle breeze	Immediate cause of stranding was the sea, which was heavy at the time, but contrary cause was steamer being kept by the semaphore-signal a little too long on the northward course. No blame attached to master	Alfred Bruce.
"	Nightingale, 25 years	Brigantine	220	8	Timber..	Water-logged & abandoned; partial loss	Water-logged & abandoned; partial loss	Lat. 36° 15' S., long. 151° 22' E.	S.E.	Moderate	Vessel, owing to gale, sprung a leak, became waterlogged, and was abandoned. Subsequently five of the crew returned to her and brought her to Sydney, N.S.W.	George Henry Short.
April 23	Dart, 26 years	Cutter ..	16	2	Sheep ..	Stranded; no damage	Stranded; no damage	Tawhitinui Reach, Pelorus Sound, 1 mile N.E. of Oate Island	S.W.	Light ..	Vessel struck on rock not marked on chart ..	William Turner.
"	City of Florence, 18 years	Ship ..	1200	..	General	Loss of life only	Loss of life only	On voyage from London to Wellington, lat. 1° S., long. 23° 40' W.	..	Fine ..	An O.S. named Frederick Stretton, while engaged in securing the foretopgallant-stay, fell into the foretop, fracturing his skull and breaking his lower jaw. He died at 10 p.m. same night, six hours after the accident	William Smith Leask.
"	T. W. Lucas, 28 years, A2	Brigantine	292	7	Coal ..	Stranded; slight damage	Stranded; slight damage	South Spit entrance to Wanganni River	..	Calm ..	While in tow of the s.s. "Huia" the tow-line parted. An anchor was let go, but there was not room to swing clear of South Spit	F. Kroger.
"	Elizabeth, 11 yrs., A1 Lloyds	Barque..	349	10	Coal ..	Supposed foundered	Supposed foundered	On voyage from Newcastle, N.S.W., to Lyttelton	..	..	Vessel left Newcastle for Lyttelton on the 23rd April, and has not since been heard of	Thomas Walker.
May 3	Gairloch, s.s., 1 yr., A1 Lloyds	Schooner	187	18	Sheep and cattle	Collision; partial loss	Collision; partial loss	Off Cape Horn, Manukau Harbour	S.S.E.	Fresh	Collision attributed to default of master of "Herald." His certificate was suspended for three months, and he was ordered to pay £32 5s. 6d. for costs of inquiry	Samuel Richard Savory. McAr- Findlay. McAr- thur.
"	Herald, s.s., 1 year, 100 A1 Lloyds	Schooner	356	22	Fruit and oysters	Collision; partial loss	Collision; partial loss	Tom's Rock, between Sinclair Head and Tongue Point, Cook Strait	N.W. to N.	Strong gale	Wreck caused by error of master in keeping too near the land. Master being sole owner and heavy loser by wreck, Court did not suspend his certificate, but ordered him to pay costs of inquiry	Robert Firth.
"	Oceania, 9 years	Barque..	320	10	Flour, salt, and bark	Stranded; total loss	Stranded; total loss					