

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, &c.—continued.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Passengers.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Men.	Boys.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Dirac-tion.	Force.		
1885. Nov. 7	Penguin, s.s., 11 years	Schooner	442	34	110	General	Rudder - post damaged, stern-bushes and shaft bent; partial loss	Wharf in Lyttelton Harbour	..	Calm ..	Casualty caused through mooring-line getting foul of the propeller	George Allman.
"	Waihi, s.s., 3 years	Schooner	63	12	11	General	Collision; no damage	Harding's Bend, Opawa River, Cook Strait	..	..	Mohaka was coming down river and Waihi going up, and when rounding a bend in the river the Waihi, which had no lights up, ran into the Mohaka and sank her	Walter Manning.
"	Mohaka, s.s., 7 years	Cutter ..	20	4	..	General	Collision; partial loss	..	..	..	..	Thomas Eckford.
"	Wanganui, 11 years	Schooner	78	6	..	General	Stranded; partial loss	Mouth of Hoki-tika River	N.	Light breeze	Current caught vessel and forced her on to North Spit	John Graham.
Nov. 26	Hudson, 16 yrs.	Barque..	797	19	1	General	Stranded; partial loss	About 12 miles north of Timaru	N.W. by W.	Gentle breeze	Master neglected to take necessary precautions for safety of his ship, no cast of lead having been made, although land had been sighted and vessel enveloped in dense fog. Second mate, Herbert Collings, had been instructed by chief officer to keep lead going. Certificates of master and second mate suspended for three months each	Edwin James Thomas.
Dec. 13	Comet, 9 years	Ketch ..	58	4	..	Ballast..	Stranded; no damage	About 2 miles eastward of Cape Farewell Lighthouse	S.S.W.	Moderate	Casualty caused through continuous head wind, heavy sea, and fog or thick weather, which prevented observations being taken. Vessel was afterwards got off without damage	Raymond Burns.
Dec. 19	Minnie Casey, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	43	8	21	General	Collision; slight damage	..	..	..	Captain Seymour committed grave error of judgment in leaving deck of vessel without proper officer in charge, but that probably mistaking distance in hazy atmosphere, and as he has been a sufferer himself for this dereliction of duty, Court decided to return his certificate, and to order him to pay costs of inquiry, £17 17s.	Thomas Rawson.
"	Tangihua, s.s., 8 years	Cutter ..	21	4	..	1 ton lime	Collision; partial loss	Te Rewa Point, Kaipara Harbour	..	Calm	..	Joseph Seymour.
"	Soukar, 22 yrs. A1	Ship ..	1304	22	..	Coal ..	Fire on board; slight damage	Ocean Steamer Wharf, Inner Harbour, Lyttelton	..	..	No evidence as to cause of fire ..	J. E. Croker.
1886. Jan. 4	Opawa, 9 years	Ship ..	1076	..	..	General	Loss of life only	Lat. 41° 10' S, long. 28° 40' E.	S.W.	Half a gale	A boy named Henry Hagger, while engaged aloft furling sail, fell into the sea and was drowned	Joseph John Hamon.
"	Glenora, 21 yrs.	Barque..	774	17	5½ adults	General	Loss of life only	Lat. 46° 50' S, long. 118° 54' E, off Cape Leuwin	W.S.W.	Moderate breeze	An O.S. named J. W. Jones, while engaged washing the paint on the outside of the poop-rail, accidentally fell into the water and was drowned	Alfred Haynes Sargent.
"	Sea Gull, 27 yrs.	Brightine	122	7	..	Timber	Stranded; total loss	Three-quarters of a mile from North Head of Waikawa Harbour	..	Calm ..	Wind having fallen when vessel got outside the heads, she became unmanageable, and drifted into the breakers, which drove her ashore	William Han-ning.