

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department from the 1st April, 1897, to the 31st March, 1898.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Reg. Tonnage	Rig.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Passengers.	Crew.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1897 April 16	Zuleika, 22 years, 100 AI	1017	Ship	..	21	General	Stranded; total loss	Palliser Bay, East Coast, North Island	S. by W.	Whole gale	Wreck caused by vessel making more leeway than calculated on, and to a surface-set to the N.N.W. Master did all in his power for safety of ship during gale, and for preservation of life after the wreck	John Reich Bremner.
"	Rata, 16 years	46	Schooner	..	4	None	Stranded; partial loss	Napier Roadstead	E. S. E.	Strong gale	Vessel's anchor and chain not heavy enough to hold her in an open roadstead, and, being flat bottomed, she was unable to beat to windward, and the master had no option but to beach her	William Conway.
"	Pirate, 2 years	190	Schooner	..	7	Coal	Stranded; total loss	Portland Island	E.	Whole gale	Master mistook position when wind changed at midnight; but circumstances in which he was placed were so difficult and trying that Court could not hold him culpable. Immediate cause of accident was the sails being some blown away and some split by a sudden squall of wind	Edward A. Stenbeck.
"	Huon Bell, 33 years	42	Ketch	..	3	Coal	Stranded; slight damage	Grahamstown, Whangarei	..	..	Vessel drifting down river on ebb-tide struck sunken log, and was making water fast when master beached her	Peter Johnson.
May	Duco, s.s., 5 years	26	Ketch	..	6	None	Collision; no damage	Waterloo Quay, Wellington Harbour	..	..	S.S. "Duco" in coming to her berth at the Ferry Jetty, ran into the "Kestrel," berthed alongside the quay. Casualty caused through engines being put full speed ahead instead of half-speed astern, as ordered by master	James Jones.
"	Kestrel, 29 years	51	Ketch	..	4	Produce	Collision; partial loss		..	..	..	Henry Ashford Featherstone.
"	Kia Ora, s.s., 1 year	150	..	..	..	..	Collision; no damage	Fisher's Crossing, Paeroia River	..	..	S.S. "Kia Ora" overtook "Ngunguru" in narrow channel and struck her on the port quarter, lifting the covering-board aft and denting the iron house	James Mowat Roberts.
"	Ngunguru, s.s., 4 years	54	..	..	..	..	Collision; slight damage		..	..	..	Edward Charles Windsor.
"	Kina, s.s., 20 years	52	Schooner	..	6	None	Fire on board; slight damage	Railway Wharf, Helensville, Kaipara	..	..	Possibly caused by spark from crane-engine falling into seat of stuffed chairs prior to shipment	Henry Stanaway.
June	Olematis	67	Ketch	..	5	Sawn timber	Loss of life only	Off Amuri Bluff, on voyage from Havelock to Lyttelton	N.	Strong	While engaged in hauling in the mainsheet it struck Miles Newby across the stomach, knocking him overboard, and he was drowned in the rough sea	Edward Peter son.
"	Kate Tatham, 34 years	275	Barque	..	9	Coal	Vessel strained and loss of masts, &c.	Lat. 31° 20' S., long. 164° 30' E. On voyage from Newcastle N.S.W. to Napier	E. S. E.	Hurricane	Vessel put into Auckland to refit, having met with heavy gales, her decks being swept by heavy seas, and masts and sails being carried away	Edward O'Brien.
"	Anglian, s.s., 23 years	1954	Schooner	..	52	General	Damage to propeller, shafting, &c.	Lat. 34° 13' S., long. 164° 10' E. On voyage from Sydney to Auckland	N. N. W.	Heavy gale	Vessel labouring in heavy sea during four days gale	Charles Ernest Hood.
July	Whangaroa, 4 years	132	Schooner	..	7	Coal	Stranded; partial loss	Bar of Manawatu River	S.	Moderate	Casualty caused through vessel entering port without being in tow of steamer	William Cozens.