

RETURN OF WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the Marine Department—continued.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, and Age and Class.	Rig.	Registered Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decisions of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Men.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1898.												
29	Lily, s.s., 26 years	Schooner	23	4	..	General	Collision; slight damage	At Wharf, Motueka, Nelson	N.E.	Fresh breeze	The "Wairoa" ran against the "Lily" while the latter was lying at the wharf. Casualty caused through the narrow and shallow water at the approach to the wharf, with the strong wind blowing across the "Wairoa's" bow while her heel was aground	(Charles Scully.
29	Wairoa, s.s., 14 years	Ketch ..	48	6	..	General	Collision; slight damage				The loss of the "Waitemata" was owing to her being run down by the "Stella," which collision was caused by the negligent navigation of the master of the "Stella," who was drunk at the time, and whose certificate was ordered to be cancelled.	Frank Perry Ricketts.
Feb. 1	Stella, s.s., 22 years	Schooner	157	11	..	Nil ..	Collision; slight damage	About 4 miles S. by W. from Tiri Tiri light-house, Hauraki Gulf	S.W.	Moderate breeze		Robert Kennedy.
1	Waitemata, 23 years	Barquentine	365	10	..	Coal ..	Collision; total loss					Frederick Ferdinand Nils-son.
2	Stormbird, s.s., 44 years	Schooner	137	13	9	General	Stranded; partial loss	Bar of Wanganui River	S.E.	Gale ..	Casualty caused by bar having silted up with westerly gales.	John George Gilderston.
8	Manaro, s.s., 11 years	Ketch ..	77	11	..	General	Fire on board; slight damage	Wellington Harbour	Fire broke out in stokehole, supposed to be caused by the lining being too close to the boilers.	Peter McIntyre.
16	Buteshire, s.s., 4 years, 100 A1 Lloyd's	Schooner	3686	60	1	General	Collision; no damage	Narrowest part of entrance to Bluff Harbour			Nothing could have been done to prevent the collision. The pilot in charge of the "Bute-shire" stopped the engines, but it would not have been prudent to go astern in such narrow water and ebb tide.	John Cuthbert.
16	Gratitude, 10 years	Ketch ..	114	7	..	Coal ..	Collision; partial loss		E.	Light ..		Neil McDonald.
25	Invercargill, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	123	11	13	General	Sprung a leak	On voyage from Invercargill to Victoria Wharf, Dunedin	W.	Gale ..	A small hole, 2½ in. by ½ in., found about 8 or 10 feet from the stern-post on port side, but how caused is not known.	George Alfred Marks.
Mar. 4	Canterbury, 23 years	Ship ..	1245	27	..	Wool and flax	Fire on board; partial loss		Vessel caught fire while lying at wharf loading for London. Fire supposed to be caused by spontaneous combustion in flax.	Andrew Culbert.
10	Rosmond, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	462	20	..	Timber	Stranded; no damage	½ to 2 miles west of Farewell Spit	S.E.	Light ..	Vessel touched lightly on sandy bottom on approaching elbow of Farewell Spit. Master misjudged distance from shore when he altered vessel's course.	Alexander Sutherland.
15	Nautilus, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	32	4	4	General	Stranded; slight damage	Mouth of Karamea River	W.N.W.	Light ..	Mouth of river is supposed to have silted up.	Robert Johnson.

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