

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Reg. No.	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.		
1901. July 24	Lizzie Bell, 24 years	Barque.. 1036	..	..	Ballast..	Stranded; total loss	..	Waimate Reef, 1½ miles south of Oeo River, South Taranaki Bight	S.E.	Fresh breeze	Vessel was on voyage from Wellington to Newcastle, N.S.W., in ballast, and at 8 p.m. the master set the course N.W. by W., Stephens Island light bearing S.E. by E., magnetic, so that Cape Farewell would be passed on the port hand about twenty-five miles distant; but at 11.15 p.m. she struck on the reef and became a total wreck. The crew took to the lifeboat, which capsized twice, and twelve of them were lost. Loss of vessel was caused by negligent navigation of master from taking his departure from Stephens Island and not verifying his distance when abeam by four-point bearings. His certificate was suspended for twelve months, and he was ordered to pay £25 toward cost of inquiry	John Rees.
"	27 Tomoane, s.s., 2 years	Schooner 3905	..	..	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	Poverty Bay ..	S.S.W.	Light ..	Vessel touched on uncharted rock while at anchor off Gisborne	Alfred Child.
Aug. 10	Jane Douglas, s.s., 25 years	Schooner 75	8	..	General	Stranded; partial loss	..	South Spit, Okuru River	E.	Light ..	No blame attached to master or chief officer..	Christian Theodore Julius Andersen. Charles Ludwig Olsen.
"	11 Ururoa, 8 months	Schooner 196	9	..	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Poverty Bay, about two miles south of Breakwater	S.E.	Light ..	Master was anxious to get out of bay owing to threatening aspect of weather, but wind fell off, and he was unable to get vessel about when close to shore	Gilbert Brown.
"	13 Jessie Niccol, 29 years	Schooner 93	6	..	Timber..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Cape Campbell Road ..	N.W.	Light ..	Vessel struck on and passed over reef off Cape Campbell, and, becoming waterlogged, crew were taken off by s.s. "Gulf of Anecd." Vessel was subsequently towed into Lyttelton by s.s. "Cygnets." Master was guilty of error of judgment in miscalculating his distance from land, and he was ordered to pay cost of inquiry, £7 7s.	
"	19 Elmville, s.s., 12 years	Schooner 1173	24	..	Ballast..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Below Tokatoka, Wairoa River, Kaipara Harbour	N.	Light ..	Vessel, presumably unobserved by master, was set over to side of channel where rocks are, and her proximity thereto was not noted by master until too late to avoid casualty	Robert Cooper.
29	Ile of Erin, 26 years	Barque.. 889	..	..	Superphosphates	Loss of life only	1	Lat. 42° 51' S., long. 122° 15' E. On voyage from Port Ellesmere, U.K., to Timaru	..	..	An A.B., Thomas Newman, while engaged in unbending the spanker to replace it by another sail, was caught by the sail flapping, carried overboard and drowned	Peter Sebire.
"	29 Falcon, 24 years	Schooner 98	6	2	Timber..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Maori Bay, Pelorus Sound	N.N.E.	Strong gale	Vessel dragged anchors and drove ashore while sheltering from storm	Peter Johnson.
Sept. 11	Obar, 4 years ..	Schooner 39	3	..	Ballast..	Capsized; partial loss	1	South entrance to Kitiu Bay, Pelorus Sound	N.W.	Light ..	The scow "Obar" was struck by a sudden squall, and having no ballast, heeled over and could not recover herself, and capsized, a seaman named Andrew Anderson being drowned. No blame can be attached to the master	Charles Bonner.