

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Reg.	Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Crew.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1908. May 9	Doto, s.s. 12 years	Schooner	19	4	..	Fish ..	Damage to propeller	..	7 miles off Separation Point, Blind Bay	..	..	Key of propeller worked loose and cut a groove in the shaft, so that the propeller would not work	William Arthur Davidant.
" 13	Ngaru, 6 years	Schooner	66	5	..	Timber..	Mast carried away	..	50 miles westward of Kawhia	N.	Gale ..	Guy carried away on fore-boom, the boom jibed, the vessel then came to, and the head of the foremast carried away about 6 ft. below the topmast	Francis Fletcher.
" 22	Akaroa, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	43	..	..	..	Loss of life only	1	Off Tutukaka	..	..	Richard Carroll, cook, was lost overboard, and evidence showed that he was strange in his manner, but no evidence to show how he got overboard. No blame was attachable to master or crew, nor was there anything in the ship herself, or its build or equipment that could have contributed to the casualty	Frederick Morgan.
" 26	Tauranga, 15 years	Cutter ..	12	3	..	Ballast ..	Stranded; total loss	..	4 miles S.W. of Sugarloaves, New Plymouth	N.W.	Heavy gale	Casualty caused by tempestuous weather. No blame attachable to anyone	Louis Frederickson.
June 8	Loyalty, s.s., 26 years	Cutter ..	68	4	14	..	Collision with wharf; slight damage	..	Berth No. 17, on breast-work, Wellington	N.	Light ..	Vessel ran her bow under wharf. Casualty caused by engineer mistaking order to go astern, and going ahead	Henry Weston Hargraves.
" 20	Zior, 31 years..	Schooner	63	5	..	Produce	Stranded; slight damage	..	Mouth of Hokitika River	N.E.	Fresh ..	Casualty caused through inability of small steamer to tow vessel up river against wind, which forced her on to a mud-bank	Christian Anderson.
" 23	Ada and Eve, 1 year	Ketch ..	136	7	1	Timber..	Stranded; total loss	1	Gillespie's Beach, 28 miles south of Okarito	N.W.	Gale ..	A heavy sea struck vessel on 21st, while hove to, damaging her rudder, and causing her to leak badly. From then until the 23rd, the weather continued very bad. The water in vessel increased to such an extent as to compel master to beach his vessel to save loss of life	Peter Anton Peterson.
July 6	Emma Sims, 8 years	Schooner (oil-engine)	61	6	..	Produce	Stranded; partial loss	1	North Beach, near mouth of Hokitika River	S.	Light ..	When on the bar, entering Hokitika River, a sea struck the vessel on the quarter, filling the cabin and flooding the engine-room, causing dynamo and engines to stop, when vessel became disabled and drifted helplessly on to beach. By the same sea the master was washed overboard and drowned. No blame is attachable to crew, and it was apparently the oversight of the master in leaving the cabin-door open which was the primary cause of the stranding	Patrick Darragh.
" 9	Waitara, s.s., 20 years	..	15	2	..	..	Collision; no damage	..	Queen's Wharf, Wellington	N.	Strong breeze	The launch "Waitara" ran into the "Jane Douglas" while she was lying at the wharf. Casualty caused through engines of "Waitara" stopping on centre, and refusing to go astern	Edwin John Booth.
" 9	Jane Douglas, s.s., 37 years.	Schooner	75	9	..	General	Collision; partial loss	..	Queen's Wharf, Wellington	N.	Strong breeze	The launch "Waitara" ran into the "Jane Douglas" while she was lying at the wharf. Casualty caused through engines of "Waitara" stopping on centre, and refusing to go astern	James Jamieson.