

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Register 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.		
1903 Sept. 15	Moa, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	95	12	..	Ballast ..	Propeller-shaft fractured and loss of propeller	..	4 miles S.W. of Seal Rocks, outside New Plymouth	W.	Light ..	Vessel disabled through fracture of her propeller-shaft and loss of propeller shortly after leaving New Plymouth Wharf	William Henry Sawyers.
"	19 Westland, p.s., 19 years	Gutter ..	18	7	2	..	Collision; no damage	..	2½ miles west of Flagstaff, Gray River	N.N.W.	Light	The "Westland," in coming alongside the "Aratapu" to tow her into Greymouth, struck her amidships, knocking in one of her timbers and two of her planks. The "Aratapu," in heaving short, appears to have taken in too much cable, and was really adrift, though supposed to be at anchor	John Connor.
"	19 Aratapu, 25 years	Brigantine	122	8	..	General	Collision; slight damage	..	Lat. 29° 30' N.; long. 33° 36' E., Red Sea	N.	Fresh breeze	Casualty due to bad steering by man at the wheel, assisted by action of cross currents; but master committed an error of judgment in leaving deck so long before he opened out Zafarana Light. He was ordered to pay £15 15s. towards costs of inquiry	John Grubb.
"	23 Rubi Seddon, s.s. (suction dredge)	Cutter ..	349	17	..	..	Stranded; partial loss	..	Wellington Harbour ..	..	..	Vessel was laid up in Wellington Harbour, when a fire was discovered in the room of the officer in charge, but how it originated there was no evidence to show	Alexander Duncan.
"	27 Taieri, s.s., 15 years	Schooner	1071	2	..	..	Fire; slight damage	..	200 ft. north of Scott's Hook Buoy, Torres Straits	E.	Light ..	Evidence disclosed no negligence on the part of the master of the vessel, whose certificate was returned to him	..
"	27 Whakarire, s.s. (dredge), 4 months	Cutter ..	449	18	..	..	Stranded; partial loss	..	About 5 miles west of Kahurangi Point	E.	Light	The "Gertie" being the overtaking ship, it was her duty to have kept clear. The mate of the "Queen of the South" was in no way to blame, but, under the circumstances, he should have called the master. The master of the "Gertie" was ordered to pay all the costs of inquiry, £20 17s., with the exception of the costs incurred by the mate of the "Queen of the South"	John Mitchell.
"	27 Gertie, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	119	14	..	Coal ..	Collision; no damage	..	Near Danger Reef, off Shag Point	N.E.	Strong breeze	When vessel was passing Shag Point she touched a supposed uncharted rock three-quarters of a mile off Danger Reef	George Arohibald Simpson.
"	27 Queen of the South, s.s., 26 years	Schooner	121	12	..	Coal ..	Collision; partial loss	..	Bar of Patea River ..	S.	Light ..	Vessel touched on bar and sheered on to Spit before steerage way was recovered	Edward Harvey.
Oct. 25	Invercargill, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	123	..	..	Timber ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Oanui River, Taranaki	N.E. to N.	Light ..	The chief officer, C. M. Evans, acted in a very indiscreet manner in taking upon himself the responsibility of navigating the ship along a coast which was not familiar to him, without advising the master of the position of the vessel, and was to blame for the loss of the ship. His certificate was suspended for twelve months, and he was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry	George Alfred Marks.
"	31 Kapiti, s.s., 1 year	Schooner	80	11	..	General	Stranded; no damage	..	..	..	..	..	J. Abram.
Nov. 7	Northern Monarch, 27 years	Barque ..	1148	22	2	Coal ..	Stranded; total loss	..	..	..	..	..	George Nixon.