

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

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, Age and Class.	Reg.	Register Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decisio of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1903. Nov. 7	Felicitas (Norwegian), 29 years	Barque ..	699	12	..	Coal ..	Sprung a leak	Lat. 33° 80' S.; long. 152° 56' E. On voyage from Newcastle, N.S.W., to Panama	S.E.	Moderate gale	Heavy sea from S.E. caused the ship to labour and strain. She sprung a leak making 5 in. an hour. One of the pumps broke down in Cook Straits, and crew protested against ship proceeding on her voyage. She put into Wellington on 26th November, and was surveyed. Cost of repairs being excessive, owner directed her to be sold on his account. Loss of ship was due to master placing too much reliance on the pilot, and not taking precautions to ascertain his exact position in the midst of dirty and thick weather. His certificate was returned to him, and he was ordered to pay £15 11s. costs of inquiry by his falling from the mast on to the deck. Collision caused through Mr. Hunter's launch not carrying lights, and not being in charge of person competent to navigate amongst other vessels. Look-out man on "Sterling" ought to have seen and reported launch sooner than he did. Court exonerated Captain Murray from all blame, and considered that he acted with great promptitude in reversing engines on alarm being given, and in efforts to save life. Mr. Hunter ordered to pay £4 14s. costs	Andreas Andersen.
"	11 Benavon, 19 years	Barque ..	1434	21	..	General	Stranded; total loss	1½ miles south of Cape Palliser Lighthouse	S.E.	Fresh breeze	Loss of ship was due to master placing too much reliance on the pilot, and not taking precautions to ascertain his exact position in the midst of dirty and thick weather. His certificate was returned to him, and he was ordered to pay £15 11s. costs of inquiry by his falling from the mast on to the deck. Collision caused through Mr. Hunter's launch not carrying lights, and not being in charge of person competent to navigate amongst other vessels. Look-out man on "Sterling" ought to have seen and reported launch sooner than he did. Court exonerated Captain Murray from all blame, and considered that he acted with great promptitude in reversing engines on alarm being given, and in efforts to save life. Mr. Hunter ordered to pay £4 14s. costs	George Thomas Dixon.
Dec. 4	Kia Ora, yacht	Cutter ..	..	2	..	..	Loss of life only	At sea, on voyage from Gisborne to London	..	Strong ..	The death of Horace Buckeridge was caused by his falling from the mast on to the deck. Collision caused through Mr. Hunter's launch not carrying lights, and not being in charge of person competent to navigate amongst other vessels. Look-out man on "Sterling" ought to have seen and reported launch sooner than he did. Court exonerated Captain Murray from all blame, and considered that he acted with great promptitude in reversing engines on alarm being given, and in efforts to save life. Mr. Hunter ordered to pay £4 14s. costs	Horace Buckeridge. Joseph Murray.
"	14 Sterling, s.s., 12 years	Cutter ..	26	7	5	..	Collision; no damage	..	..	..	Collision caused through Mr. Hunter's launch not carrying lights, and not being in charge of person competent to navigate amongst other vessels. Look-out man on "Sterling" ought to have seen and reported launch sooner than he did. Court exonerated Captain Murray from all blame, and considered that he acted with great promptitude in reversing engines on alarm being given, and in efforts to save life. Mr. Hunter ordered to pay £4 14s. costs	Jeffrey Hunter.
"	14 Oil launch ..	..	..	3	..	Stores ..	Collision; total loss	Mangawhare, Northern Wairoa, Auckland	Calm	..	Casualty caused through "John Anderson" keeping too close to Eastern Mole, and from a point near end thereof, making a diagonal course across the entrance, and the "Ellen Ballance" keeping too close to Eastern Mole when coming in, and her master misjudging possibility of avoiding collision by putting wheel to starboard. Masters of vessels ordered to pay each half costs of inquiry	Charles William Wallis Groves.
"	18 Ellen Ballance, s.s., 14 years	..	..	5	..	..	Collision; slight damage	..	..	..	Casualty caused through "John Anderson" keeping too close to Eastern Mole, and from a point near end thereof, making a diagonal course across the entrance, and the "Ellen Ballance" keeping too close to Eastern Mole when coming in, and her master misjudging possibility of avoiding collision by putting wheel to starboard. Masters of vessels ordered to pay each half costs of inquiry	Patrick McConville.
"	18 John Anderson, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	36	4	60	General	Collision; partial loss	Entrance of mole, Lyttelton Inner Harbour	Calm	..	Masters of vessels ordered to pay each half costs of inquiry	Walter Manning.
"	19 Rotomahana, s.s., 25 years	Schooner	863	45	294	General	Collision; no damage	200 ft. S.E. by S. from man-of-war buoy, Wellington Harbour	N.E.	Light ..	S.S. "Rotomahana" left Queen's Wharf at 9.20 p.m. for Lyttelton, and came into collision with the "Jessie Niccol," which was lying at anchor. Latter vessel's light was of an inferior kind and faulty. Harbour Board officials should have made provision for berthing schooner earlier. No blame attached to master and officers of "Rotomahana." Master of "Jessie Niccol" deserving of censure as regards anchor-watch kept by him. Certificates returned. No order made as to costs	W. A. Smith.
"	19 Jessie Niccol, 32 years	Schooner	93	5	..	Pollard & bricks	Collision; partial loss	..	..	..	..	..