

RETURN of WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the MARINE DEPARTMENT from the 1st April, 1904, to the 31st March, 1905.

Date of Casualty.	Name of Vessel, also Age and Class.	Rig.	Register tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Decision of Court of Inquiry, &c.	Name of Master.
				Passengers.	Crew.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1904. April 12	John Anderson, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	36	5	14	General	Tail-shaft broken	Off McIntosh Bay, Banks Peninsula	W.	..	While vessel was towing fishing-boat from Little Akaloa to Lyttelton, the tail-shaft broke. She was afterwards towed into port by tug "Lyttelton"	Patrick McConville.
"	Kapiti, s.s., 1½ years	Schooner	80	11	..	Butter ..	Stranded; no damage	On bar, Patea River ..	W.	Strong ..	Casualty caused through vessel touching ground, and losing steerage-way	John Abraham.
"	Honga, 2 months	Schooner	106	6	..	Coal ..	Loss of masts	8 miles N.W. of White Island	W.S.W.	Moderate	Both lower masts carried away below the cross-trees caused by heavy surging roll	Isaac Samuel Fletcher.
"	Stormbird, s.s., 50 years	Schooner	129	14	..	General	Loss of propeller-blade	7 miles seaward of Kapiti Island, Cook Strait	N.	Light ..	Casualty caused by propeller striking a floating log, and stripping off one blade	Peter McIntyre.
"	Takapuna, s.s., 21 years	Schooner	472	47	40	General	Stranded; no damage	Inside breakwater 200 ft. from wharf, New Plymouth	S.W.	Light ..	Insufficient depth of water..	Sydney James.
"	Torganten, s.s., 3 years (Norwegian vessel)	Schooner	195	12	..	Timber..	Stranded; slight damage	North beach, mouth of Hokitika River	S.W.	Light ..	Hawser washed overboard by heavy sea, fouled the propeller, and rendered the vessel unmanageable. She dragged her anchors, and went on the beach	Herman Aas.
"	Penguin, s.s., 40 years	Schooner	517	..	..	General	Stranded; no damage	Entrance to Nelson Harbour	S.E.	Light ..	Casualty caused through vessel being late on tide, and having slow steering gear	John Grant.
May 31	Dayspring, 19 years	Cutter ..	18	2	..	Firewood	Stranded; total loss	Little Akaloa Bay, Banks Peninsula	N.	Gale ..	Port cable parted at moorings off wharf, and remaining anchor dragged. Vessel was driven ashore by force of wind and sea	Robert Dudley.
June 1	Magic, 3 years	Schooner	82	5	..	Coal ..	Stranded; partial loss	North Spit, Manawatu River	S.W.	Gale ..	On entering river, heavy S.W. squall with rain obscured beacons, and vessel stranded on North Beach, inside river	Thomas Eckford.
"	Titanica, 8 years	Barquentine, 4 masts	1081	18	3	General	Damage to spars, loss of sails, and damage to cargo by salt water	On voyage from Glasgow to Dunedin	S.S.E.	Strong gales	Casualty caused by stress of weather	Thomas Selley.
"	Wellington, s.s., 41 years	Schooner	262	22	45	General	Collision; no damage	Off east end of Railway Wharf, Auckland	..	..	Master of "Manurewa" was guilty of an error in judgment in anchoring in the fairway of steamers coming in to and out from the wharves. He was ordered to pay costs of inquiry	Edward McLeod.
"	Manurewa, 20 years	Barque..	327	12	..	Guano ..	Collision; partial loss	Harding's Bend, Opawa River	..	..	Vessel grounded on a bank in the river, and in backing off carried away the rudder	William George North.
"	Nambuoca, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	94	11	5	General	Loss of rudder	Entrance to Ngunguru River	E. by S.	breeze ..	Vessel had crossed outer bar, making for channel of river, with fair breeze, when it suddenly dropped at a critical time, and the sea took charge of her and swept her on to the rocks and sandspit on port side of entrance	Samuel Stephen-son.
"	Champion, 28 years	Ketch ..	34	3	..	Ballast..	Stranded; total loss					