

RETURN OF WRECKS and CASUALTIES to SHIPPING reported to the MARINE DEPARTMENT, &c.—continued.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Registered Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Flaming of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master
				Crew	Passen-ger.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1907. Sept. 5	Rimu, scow, 12 years	Schooner	53	3	..	Timber	Stranded; slight damage	Lat. 41° S., Long. 175° 45' E.	W.N.W.	Squally	Vessel missed stays and was anchored, but dragged ashore, breaking rudder and rudder-post. Afterwards towed off.	P. Peterson.
"	Mary Isabel, 15 years	Barquentine	307	11	..	Ballast..	Stranded; no damage	Hokianga River	S.W.	Moderate gale	Vessel missed stays when trying to beat up river and drove ashore.	F. J. G. Schutze.
"	Endeavour, 3 years	Auxiliary ketch	54	4	..	..	Fire; partial loss	At No. 4 Jetty, Auckland Harbour	..	..	Coroner's inquiry: "Vessel wilfully set on fire by some person unknown"	C. L. Kasper.
"	Warrimoo, s.s., 15 years	Schooner	2076	81	..	Ballast..	Stranded; no damage	1½ miles north of Farewell Spit Lighthouse	S.E.	Moderate breeze	The master was instructed to call off Farewell Spit Lighthouse for instructions regarding "Monowai," and the vessel grounded on a sand bank whilst signalling. The Court exonerated the master and officers from blame	F. W. Macbeth.
"	Eleanor, 31 years	Cutter	22	3	..	Sand ..	Stranded; partial loss	Lat. 35° 23' S., Long. 174° 53' E.	S.S.W.	Strong	Vessel struck Maori Rock on night of 18th September; the master not knowing the beacon was down was misled by not seeing it	John Regan.
"	Recult ..	Ketch ..	20	3	..	Timber	Stranded; no damage	Inside Wairau Bar, ¼ mile up river	W.	Light ..	After entering the river the wind failed, and vessel would not answer her helm owing to current catching her bow, and she drifted on shore	C. H. Gibson.
"	Countess of Errol, 34 years	Barquentine	218	9	..	Coal ..	Damaged bulwarks, £50	Lat. 36° S., Long. 161 E.	W.S.W.	Gale ..	A heavy sea broke on board and carried away the starboard bulwarks and broke up the lifeboat	Lewis Kodd.
"	Te Anau, s.s., 28 years	Schooner	1028	28	..	General	Fire; partial damage	About 1½ miles from Buller Bar	Variable	Light ..	A fire was discovered in No. 3 hold, cause unknown; but probably due to lime, part of cargo, heating	G. N. Lindsay.
"	Turakina, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	5289	105	55	General	Fire; extensive damage	557 miles E.S.E. of Chatham Islands	W.N.W.	Fresh breeze	Vessel put into Wellington with fire in fore-hold. There was no evidence as to the actual cause of the fire, but the Court was of opinion it was not caused by spontaneous combustion of wool or flax. Court also considered that inspection of cargo prior to and during shipment is inadequate, and recommended that system of inspection should be established, that provision should be made for care of men's coats and waist-coats to enable rule against taking matches in holds to be enforced, and that smoking on deck when hatches are open should be prohibited	F. Forbes.
Oct. 2	Oban, scow, 10 years	Schooner	39	3	..	Timber	Stranded; damage to sternpost	Close to goods wharf, Nelson Harbour	S.W.	Fresh breeze	When berthing the vessel she swung round and grounded on a concrete block and damaged her stern-post	C. Huntly.