

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM THE 1st April, 1909, to the 31st March, 1910.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Registered Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1909. Jan. 28	Matariki, s.s., 6 months	Cutter ..	66	3	150	..	Collision ..	..	Rattray Street Wharf, Dunedin	N.E.	Strong	The master of the "Maheno" was guilty of negligence in not stopping his engines in time. W. T. Nash, who was acting as master, was ordered to pay costs of inquiry, £21	R. Scollay.
"	Maheno, o.c.v., 4 years	Ferry-boat	24	3	50	..	Collision; no damage	..	Matakana River ..	W.S.W.	Light ..	Was carried by the current on to the bank, but got off without damage	L. F. Mathieson.
Feb. 24	Gem, 35 years	Schooner	20	2	..	Slag ..	Stranded; no damage	..	25 miles S. of Cape Maria Van Diemen	S.E. by E.	Light ..	Casualty was due to grossly negligent navigation on the part of the master in standing on the starboard tack much longer than he was, under the circumstances, justified in doing, and in neglecting to take soundings as the vessel approached the land. The chief officer was in no way to blame. The master's certificate was suspended for two years, and he was ordered to pay costs of the inquiry	J. Francis.
"	Forrest Hall, 26 years	Ship ..	1999	25	..	Coal ..	Stranded; total loss	..	Bar of Opotiki River..	E.	Light ..	When crossing the bar the vessel took the ground, but was got off four days later	J. F. Collins.
Mar. 18	Anpouri, s.s., 4 years	Schooner	220	23	15	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	40 miles N. of Lyttelton	N.W.	Light	Collision was due to errors of judgment on the part of the officers in charge of each ship at the time. The collision could have been avoided by strict observance of the rule of the road. Each officer in charge to pay one moiety of the costs	T. W. Haultain.
"	Storm, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	186	15	..	General	Collision; damage, £150	..	Palliser Bay ..	S.E.	Gale ..	The vessel took party to save cargo from the wreck of the "Ben Avon" at Palliser Bay, and was anchored there. A heavy southerly gale came up and drove her ashore. There was no one on board at the time	N. Wood.
"	Wakatu, s.s., 30 years	Schooner	95	14	2	Sheep ..	Collision; damage, £150	..	Near Heads, Otago Harbour	Calm	..	Caused by Dredge No. 404 not getting out of fairway, and going to wrong side	J. T. Rolls.
"	Rona, 5 years	Ketch ..	35	7	..	Salvage-gear	Stranded; total loss	..	Lat. 48° 15' S., Long. 163° E.	..	..	A heavy sea came on board and washed Odin Nilson, A.B., overboard. Too heavy a sea running to lower a boat	J. McDonald.
"	Warrimoo, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	2076	80	100	General	Collision; slight damage	1	At wharf, Portobello, Otago Harbour	N.W.	Light ..	Vessel was being towed across the bar, but the tug had insufficient power to keep her in the channel	Thomas Howes.
"	Dredge 404, s.s., 6 years	..	211	..	..	..	Collision; no damage	..	Bar, Wanganni River	..	..	Cause not known	R. Scollay.
April 5	Cambusdoon, 14 years	Barque	1522	..	..	Grain ..	Loss of life ..	..	Just outside Cook Strait	N.W.	Gale ..	Sails and gear damaged in heavy gale ..	W. J. M. Tate.
"	Matariki, s.s., 1 year	Cutter ..	66	4	..	..	Fire; total loss	..	Glasgow Wharf, Wellington	N.	Gale ..	The "Gertie" broke adrift whilst being moored during a strong gale and struck the side of the "Rakaia," making a hole in the "Rakaia's" plates with her anchor	H. C. Barnes.
"	St. Kilda, 47 years	Barquentine	189	9	..	Timber	Stranded; no damage	..	..	..	..	Sails and gear damaged in heavy gale ..	R. Rodger.
"	Rakaia, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	3660	54	..	General	Collision; slight damage	..	..	..	..	..	G. J. Jewel.
"	Gertie, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	119	14	..	General	Collision; no damage	..	..	..	..	..	H. C. Barnes.
"	Weathersfield, 44 years	Barque	1047	15	..	Coal ..	Sails and gear damaged, £200	..	..	..	..	..	R. Rodger.