

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, ETC.—continued.

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Registers Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of aster.
				Crew	Passengers	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1912. Dec. 12	Haurōto, s.s., 30 years	Schooner	1,276	1	..	Fire; trifling damage	..	Auckland Harbour ..	..	..	Fire probably caused by lamp exploding in nightwatchman's room	..
"	Waro, 36 years	Auxiliary ketch	34	5	Coal ..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Mahurangi River ..	N.E.	Light ..	When proceeding up the river the vessel got slightly out of the channel and ran on a rock	M. Stuart.
"	The Portland, 3 years	Schooner	59	4	Coke ..	Disasted; damage, £70	..	Mahurangi River ..	W.	Fresh breeze	Whilst beating up the river the mainmast snapped and went over the side, taking mizzen topmast with it	G. Mayall.
"	John, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	111	13	Wool ..	Stranded; no damage	..	Clive Beach, near Napier	N.E.	Light ..	The first mate set the course S.W. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., instead of S. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., and handed over the wrong course to the second mate at midnight. The master should have given written orders in regard to the course to be steered. The Court ordered the first mate to pay £3 3s., and the second mate £1 1s., towards expenses of inquiry	S. Holm.
"	Kekeno, 33 years	Auxiliary schooner	19	7	Fish ..	Struck a dolphin; damage, £100	..	Entrance to Bluff Harbour	W.S.W.	Moderate	Caused through the rudder becoming disabled	J. W. Temarama.
"	Natal Transport, 3 years	Schooner	2,648	31	Timber	Collision with wharf; damage, £600	..	Napier	S.	Moderate	Caused through error of judgment on part of Harbourmaster, who was in charge	D. Thomas.
"	Pitoitōi, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	28	4	Paper ..	Collision; no damage	..	Greenhythe Wharf, Auckland	..	Calm ..	"Pitoitōi" came up to the wharf too fast, and crushed "Centaur" against wharf	F. C. Bradney. B. Hunter.
"	Centaur, s.s., 1 year	Oil launch	6	2	General	Collision; no damage	..	..	..	..	..	..
1913. Jan. 5	Inga, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	570	20	..	Collision; trifling damage	..	Wairoa River, Kaipara Harbour	N.E.	Moderate	The "Ohinemuri" attempted to pass the "Inga" and the "Bell Bird" (which was towing the "Inga"), and collided with the "Bell Bird," causing her to run ashore; and the "Inga," before her way could be stopped, ran against the "Bell Bird." The Court found that the master of the "Ohinemuri" was guilty of an error of judgment in attempting to pass the other vessels at a narrow bend of the river, and he was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry, £11 12s. 6d.	J. H. Bull.
"	Bell Bird, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	52	6	..	Collision; trifling damage	..	..	..	..	..	H. Cortleson.
"	Ohinemuri, s.s., 22 years	Schooner	73	8	..	Collision; no damage	..	Off D'Urville Island..	W.	Fresh breeze	Fire started in galley through range being in contact with wooden bulkhead	E. Keane.
"	Kiripaka, s.s., 19 years	Schooner	75	10	..	Fire; trifling damage	..	12 miles S. by W. from Cape Willoughby, S.A.	W.	Strong ..	Stiff breeze, heavy sea, and big press of canvas caused fore topmast, topgallant mast, and topsail yards to carry away	V. E. Johansen.
"	Marjorie Craig, 22 years	Barque	499	14	Salt, &c.	Disasted; damage, £100	..	Bluff Wharf	S.W.	Gale ..	Fire occurred in No. 1 hold amongst bales of tow. Probably caused by some one having thrown a lighted match amongst bales	R. G. Holmes.
"	Nairnshire, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	3,679	56	General	Fire; trifling damage	..	Queen's Wharf, Wellington	N.	Light breeze	Three fires broke out within three hours, but were extinguished before much damage was done	C. Forder.
"	Arakura, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	771	52	..	Fires; trifling damage	..	..	..	..	..	G. Lambert.