

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1914, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1915.

Date of Casualty	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Registered Tonnage	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1914. April 13	Pilot, s.s., 30 years	Sloop ..	27	3	..	Collision ..	Off Lowry Bay, Wellington Harbour	N.W.	Moderate	The primary cause of the collision was the failure of the master of the "Atalanta" to keep a proper lookout, but the captain of the "Pilot" committed an error of judgment in not taking some steps to avoid a collision. The master of the "Atalanta" to pay assessor's fee £3 3s., otherwise each party to pay his own costs.	J. Jones.
"	Atalanta, 20 years	Yacht ..	8	5	..	Collision ..	At wharf, Nelson ..	..	..	Fire was discovered in saloon and galley, but cause could not be ascertained	F. P. Ricketts.
"	Wairoa, s.s., 30 years	Cutter ..	48	8	General	Fire; partial loss	Wellington Harbour ..	N.W.	Light ..	When leaving Queen's Wharf, Wellington, the tail-shaft broke.	S. Larsen.
"	Wootton, s.s., 14 years	Ketch ..	90	10	Nil ..	Broken shaft	Waimakariri Bar ..	N.E.	Moderate	Stranded through insufficiency of water on bar, but after larding a quantity of cargo she was hove off	W. G. Scott.
"	Kairaki, s.s., 5 years	Schooner	181	15	Timber	Stranded; no damage	..	..	..	..	..
"	Kawan, s.s., 15 years	Ketch ..	53	9	General	Stranded; trifling damage	Mangawai Bar ..	N.E.	Strong..	When crossing bar she touched the ground, causing slight leakage	E. Olsen.
"	Cygnets, s.s., 29 years	Schooner	66	11	General	Stripped propeller	Akaroa Harbour ..	..	Calm ..	Vessel was in charge of A. J. Murray, mate, with A.B. at wheel, when captain instructed mate to go to tea. The A.B., thinking that he was instructed also, left the bridge, assuming the master would take the wheel, and the vessel was left with no one in charge. Shortly after finding she was heading ashore, the A.B. ran to the wheel, and the master, taking charge, manoeuvred her off, but in doing so the propeller struck a rock and stripped three blades	A. J. Murray.
May, 1	Tokomaru, s.s., 21 years	Schooner	3,912	60	General	Fire in coal-bunker; 306 bales wool damaged	Napier and Gisborne..	S.E.	Light ..	When at Napier the coal in the port bunker was found to be heated, and the vessel proceeded to Gisborne where the fire was extinguished with assistance of the fire-boat "John Townley."	V. J. H. Bosdet.
"	John, s.s., 15 years	Schooner	111	13	General	Accident to machinery; trifling	Otago Harbour ..	S.W.	Light ..	Engines were not working properly, and it was found that the stern bush had fired and damaged the tail-shaft	S. Holm.
"	Wakaterere, p.s., 18 years	..	176	32	..	Damaged paddle	Off Brown's Island, Auckland	Calm	..	Struck the buoy off Brown's Island with star-board paddle-wheel	Wm. Sullivan.
"	Karamu, s.s., 2 years	Schooner	453	22	Coal ..	Struck wharf; trifling damage	Lyttelton ..	S.	Strong..	Strong wind caused vessel to bump into wharf and injure hawse-pipe	C. Roberts.
"	Maheno, o.e.v., 9 years	Launch	24	..	..	Sank at wharf; trifling damage	Rattray Street Wharf, Dunedin	Calm	..	Vessel's engine and shafts had been removed and stern tube was not properly plugged up, with result that vessel filled and sank	..
"	Torea, o.e.v., 2 years	Schooner	24	5	Maize, chaff, &c.	Fire; no damage	Kaituna River ..	Calm	..	Fire broke out in tow cargo; cause unknown; cargo slightly damaged	F. W. Morris.