

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Register 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.		
1914. June 27	Oban, 17 years	Schooner	24	3	..	Coal	Fire; main-sail burnt and boom charred	..	Nydia Bay	..	..	Galley caught on fire and mainsail above galley was burnt and boom charred	G. Lang.
July 17	Tarawera, s.s., 32 years	Schooner	1,269	63	..	..	Fire; tridling damage	..	Queen's Wharf, Auckland	..	..	Fire in saloon was caused by the action of one of two stewards who came on board, unknown to the officers, under the influence of liquor and went to sleep in one of the state-rooms	H. W. Parsons.
" 19	Kawau, s.s., 23 years	Schooner	37	3	4	..	Accident to machinery; trifling	..	Auckland Harbour	S.W.	Light ..	Valve-spindle of the crosshead broke	J. Sullivan.
" 28	Kestrel, s.s., 9 years	Ferry-boat	159	4	220	..	Collision with punt; trifling damage	..	Queen Street Wharf, Auckland	S.E.	Light ..	The "Kestrel" collided with a mooring-punt in a dense fog	C. Daniel.
Aug. 2	Kotare, s.s., 10 years	Ketch ..	10	10	..	General	Stranded; trifling accident	..	Cathin's River	S.W.	Strong ..	When entering the river the vessel was caught by the tide and wind and grounded on a sandbank, being refloated next day	H. J. Treurn.
" 2	Tahu, o.e.v., 5 years	Launch	4	2	11	..	Collision; damage £30	..	Off Orakei Wharf, Auckland Harbour	W.S.W.	Moderate	The "Mistletoe" was entirely to blame for the collision in attempting to cross ahead of the "Tahu," and her master was ordered to pay £5 towards the cost of the inquiry	Rikurangi Paul Tuinga.
" 2	Mistletoe, aux, 14 years	Cutter ..	4	1	..	Fish	Collision; damage £15	..	18 miles N.E. of Cape Palliser	N.W.	Moderate	Fire occurred amongst some bundles of pressed hay in No. 2 hold, and was extinguished with some difficulty, the cargo being damaged to extent of £1,900	A. M. Bishop.
" 3	Wanaka, s.s., 27 years	Schooner	1,572	29	..	General	Fire; no damage to ship	..	Hokianga Heads	S.	Moderate	When crossing the Hokianga Bar in tow of the "Ohinemuri" a squall struck the vessel, the towline parted, and the vessel drifted ashore. The Court found that the master committed an error of judgment in attempting to return to port instead of dropping his anchors, and he was ordered to pay the costs of the inquiry, £32 5s. 6d.	J. Flynn.
" 7	Joseph Craig, 36 years	Barque	694	17	..	Timber	Stranded; total loss	..	Off Hokianga Bar	N.W.	Gale ..	The wind suddenly changed from S.W. to N.W. causing the main boom to break and carrying away part of the head-gear	G. W. Airly.
" 9	May Howard ..	Auxiliary schooner	55	5	..	General	Damaged rigging, £15	..	Dunedin	N.E.	Gale ..	When hauling away from the wharf, a heavy squall caused her to bump against a pile and slightly damaged a plate	F. G. Kemp.
" 18	Flora, s.s. ..	Schooner	818	28	..	General	Collision with wharf; trifling damage	..	Waipapa, Bay of Islands	S.W.	Light ..	When discharging cargo the vessel grounded on a sunken log and carried away the dead-wood	F. W. Baron.
" 31	Dandy, 13 years	Schooner	82	6	..	General	Stranded; damage, £75	..	Omana, Kaipara	..	..	Crown of furnace came down through insufficiency of water in boiler	J. Siliveria.
Sept. 8	Kaipara, s.s. ..	..	not regs.	2	..	..	Crown of furnace collapsed, damage, £300	..	Reef near Kohimarama Wharf, Auckland Harbour	..	..	Vessel struck reef in a fog at low water, but floated off on the rising tide	H. Lowther.
" 10	Kawau, s.s. ..	Schooner	4	4	9	..	Stranded; trifling damage	..	..	..	Calm ..	..	A. Beehre.