

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg. Rig.	Register		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Tonnage	Crewe	Cargo.	Casualty.			Dirac-tion.	Force.		
1916. May 28	Southern Isle, aux., 15 years	Schooner	59	5	Coal ..	Capsized; partial loss	5	Blind Bay ..	S.E.	Gale ..	The vessel was last seen afloat about 5 p.m. on the 28th May, and shortly afterwards a heavy south-east squall came up and it continued to blow hard until next day. On the 31st May the lightkeeper at Farewell Spit sighted a wreck, which proved to be the "Southern Isle," but there was no sign of the crew. The Court was of opinion that the hatches were not properly secured, and that the vessel foundered through shipping seas	C. H. Gibson.
June 5	Tarawera, s.s., 35 years	Schooner	1,268	56	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Off Deborah Bay, Port Chalmers	..	Calm ..	Caused through the harbour light having gone out	D. Ritchie.
"	Canopus, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	835	25	Coal ..	Collision with wharf; trifling damage	..	Wharf, Wellington ..	N.	..	Had too much way on when approaching wharf	F. W. Venn.
July 14	Rarawa, s.s., 14 years.	Schooner	461	..	General	Loss of life ..	1	Between Onehunga and New Plymouth	E.	Fresh ..	A passenger named Miss Frances M. Brown was missed, and is supposed to have been lost overboard	W. Bark.
"	Opouri, s.s., 4 years	Schooner	218	16	General	Stranded; slight damage	..	Wharatea Cove, D'Urville Island	N.W.	Light ..	When sheltering from gale the vessel grounded and lost a propeller-blade	R. Pearson.
Aug. 1	Bec, scow, 25 years	Schooner	24	2	Scrapiron	Stranded; damaged, £150	..	Near Mercury Bay ..	N.W.	Gale ..	Vessel was lying at anchor when a north-west gale sprang up and she commenced to drag, and was beached to save her	John Brown.
"	Kakapo, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	949	27	Coal ..	Broken plate; slight damage	..	About lat. 38° S, long. 171° E.	N.W.	Gale ..	Met with heavy gale, which fractured a faulty plate	J. A. Robilliard.
"	Albatross, aux., 14 years	Ketch ..	38	5	..	Stranded; damaged, £300	..	Marokopa River Bar..	N.W.	Light ..	The vessel stranded owing to the navigable channel having shifted	J. Williamson.
"	Taiwha, s.s., 18 years	Schooner	191	16	General	Collision with bridge; damaged, £40	..	Puki Bridge, Paeroa	Calm ..	When passing through the bridge the vessel fouled the lower end of the swinging part	J. Freeman.
"	Rosamond, s.s., 32 years	Schooner	462	20	General	Collision with wharf; trifling damage	..	Wharf, Napier ..	W.	Gale ..	Heavy squall drove vessel against wharf, damaging some plates	Jas. Rankin.
"	Ranger, 23 years	Schooner	64	4	Timber	Stranded; slight damage	..	Limestone Island ..	E.N.E.	Moderate gale	Vessel was anchored at high water, and when tide fell she settled on a rock and broke a plank	J. Williams.
"	Kapua, 4 years	Ketch ..	18	4	..	Collision; slight damage	..	Whangaroa Harbour..	..	Calm	The "Kapua" was being towed by a launch, when she collided with the "Vixen" lying at anchor	J. M. McKinnon.
"	Vixen, 33 years	Ketch ..	21	4	Coal ..	Collision; slight damage	..	Whangaroa Harbour..	..	Calm		E. Donovan.