

## 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	Crew	Number of Passengers.	Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
						Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1917. June 14 (about)	Kaituna, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	1,246	26	..	General	Loss of propeller-blades; damage, £150 Fire; damage, £60	..	Off Napier ..	W.N.W.	Gale ..	When steaming against heavy sea two blades of the propeller were lost	W. Martin.
June 17	Tasman, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	87	14	3	..	Fire; damage, £150	..	At wharf, Auckland ..	..	..	Fire occurred under the main boiler; cause unknown	C. Faulkner.
"	Nikau, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	98	15	30	..	Loss of propeller; damage, £150	..	French Pass ..	..	Calm ..	The port engines commenced to race, and it was found the propeller had dropped off	R. J. Hay.
"	Baroona, s.s., 13 years	Schooner	55	9	..	..	Collision; slight damage to each vessel	..	Hobson Wharf, Auckland	..	Calm ..	The vessels collided when rounding the wharf, the sheds obscuring the view	(James Holt. F. T. Wendin.
"	Osprey, p.s., 30 years	Ferry-boat	138	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July 18	Mochan, scow, 35 years	Schooner	23	3	..	Shingle	Capsized; damage, £100	..	Thames Gulf ..	N.N.W.	Light ..	Was caught in a whirlwind, capsized, and foundered. Since refloated and dismantled for use as a barge	J. E. I. Johansen.
"	Cygnets, s.s., 30 years	Schooner	66	10	..	Wool ..	Broken shaft ..	..	Near Godley Head ..	..	Calm ..	Shaft broke between thrust-collars ..	A. J. Murray.
"	Koromiko, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	1,541	36	..	..	Accident to machinery; damage, £1,000	..	Lat. 34° 2' S., long. 167° 19' E.	S.W.	Gale ..	The main bearing-covers of the crank-shafts carried away, and the shaft was slightly bent	J. Ryan.
"	Ruapehu, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	5,746	72	..	General	Fire; damage, £1,100	..	Lat. 13° 12' S., long. 116° 57' W.	E.	Moderate	Fire was discovered in the port bunker, which spread to the insulation and cargo in No. 3 hold. The coal was kept saturated with water until the vessel reached Auckland, when the seat of the fire was located and it was put out. Spontaneous combustion presumed to have been the cause	A. W. McKellar.
Aug. 7	Invercargill, s.s., 32 years	Schooner	123	12	4	General	Collision; damage, £450	..	Wellington Harbour ..	..	Calm	The vessels came into collision when proceeding to their respective berths at the inner wharves, Wellington Harbour. The Court found that the collision was caused by the negligent navigation of the s.s. "Tera-whiti," and her master was ordered to pay the cost of the inquiry, £24 17s.	W. E. Wahlstrom.
"	Terawhiti, s.s., 10 years	Schooner	47	..	..	..	Collision; no damage	..	..	..	..	Vessel capsized at her anchorage; no one on board. Probably caused by the heavy sea that was running	R. J. Fowler.
"	Ida, 33 years	Ketch ..	25	..	..	Coal ..	Foundered; damage, £10	..	Off Chelsea, Auckland Harbour	..	..	When crossing the bar the vessel struck, and failed to answer her helm, and it was found the rudder had been damaged, the rudder-head driven up, and that the vessel was making water. She was taken in tow by the lighter "Thistle," but foundered whilst being towed. The master was exonerated from any blame	..
"	Dorset, o.e.v., 34 years	Barge ..	41	9	2	Frozen meat	Foundered; total loss	..	Bar, Wanganui River	S.E.	Gale ..	..	D. Bertie.