

Aug. 14	Hobsonville, o.e.v., 23 years	Schooner	23	2	..	Drain- pipes	Stranded; trifling damage	..	Maloney Reef, Hauraki Gulf	S.E.	Strong..	The vessel stranded on the reef on a falling tide, but floated off on the rise. The cause of the stranding was the strong S.E. wind, and might have been avoided had the master been on deck	W. J. McManus.
"	23 Kahika, s.s., 15 years	Schooner	516	19	..	General	Struck wharf; slight damage	..	Dunedin ..	S.S.W.	Light ..	When vessel was swinging to get clear of wharf her rudder struck a pile and was slightly damaged	Jas. Robinson.
"	25 Jane, aux., 21 years	Cutter ..	22	4	Stranded; total loss	..	Bar, Kuru River ..	S.W.	Fresh breeze	Stranded when crossing the bar, through error of judgment on part of signalman	I. Vasta.
Sept. 1	Toronea, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	2,703	49	..	Phos- phates	Stranded; slight damage	..	Entrance, Bluff Har- bour	E.	Moderate	When entering the harbour the vessel grounded on a sand-bank, but was towed off on the rising tide, apparently undamaged	A. C. Reid.
"	3 Opouri, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	218	17	..	General	Stranded; total loss	..	Greymouth Bar ..	E.	Light ..	The stranding of the vessel was wholly due to the parting of the steering-gear, the stretching-screw of the starboard steering- rod being defective, and parting whilst the vessel was crossing the bar. No blame could be attached to the master or any officer of the ship	E. A. Cox.
Sept. 12 and 24	Westmoreland, s.s., new	Schooner	6,099	85	..	General	Fire; damage, £15,000	..	Lat. 29° 23' S., long. 133° 13' W., and at Auckland	Fire originated in coal in starboard 'tween- deck bunker on 12th September, and was supposed to have been extinguished, but it broke out again after the vessel's arrival at Auckland on 22nd September, and was not got under before much damage was done— the vessel to the extent of £15,000 and the cargo £40,000. Fire supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion	G. T. Deith.
Sept. 18	Port Kembla, s.s., 7 years	Schooner	2,990	59	..	General	Foundered; total loss	..	11 miles off Cape Fare- well	N.	Light ..	A terrific explosion took place in the after part of No. 1 lower fore hold of 'tween decks, which rent open the starboard side of the vessel abaft the fore hatch, and she immedi- ately took a heavy list to starboard and sank within half an hour after the explosion took place. The Court was of opinion that the explosion was internal, and was due to the placing of a quantity of high explosive substance in the after hold, and that such act was deliberate and done with the inten- tion of destroying the vessel and her crew. An enemy mine-field has since been dis- covered in the vicinity, and in all proba- bility the loss of the vessel was caused by her striking a mine	J. Jack.
"	26 Eunice, aux., 15 years	Schooner	129	10	..	Tar ..	Stranded; total loss	..	Entrance, Wanganui River	S.E.	Moderate	When crossing the bar the vessel suddenly swerved and struck the south mole, there- after drifting on to the south beach. The Court found that the steering of the vessel was due to some fault in the steering not disclosed in the evidence, but for which the master must be held responsible, and he was ordered to pay £20 towards the cost of the inquiry	A. J. Holm.