

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	Number of		Nature of Casualty.	Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.				Direction.	Force.		
1918. Feb. 16	Tainui, s.s., 15 years	Schooner	60	8	..	Loss of propeller..	..	4 miles S. of Wanganui Heads	W.	Moderate	The propeller struck some object and broke off	D. Bonner.
"	Huia, s.s., 40 years	Schooner	69	3	..	Explosion; no damage	..	Wharf, Wellington Harbour	W.	Light	Fumes ignited and caused explosion in No. 2 hold	J. W. Crotty.
Mar. 3	Kennedy, s.s., 53 years	Schooner	131	15	..	Stranded; no damage	..	Entrance, Motueka Harbour	S.E.	Strong..	Vessel ran on a sand-bank but floated off on discharge of cargo	A. J. Henry.
"	Kiritona, aux., 9 years	Ketch ..	75	9	..	Fire; trifling damage	..	Napier Harbour	S.E.	Light ..	Benzine-fumes ignited by naked lamp carried by chief engineer	C. Perriam.
"	Kapua, 6 years ..	Ketch ..	18	4	..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Bark Bay Reef, Tasman Bay	..	Calm ..	The stranding was due to carelessness on the part of the man who was in charge at the time, and who was unqualified. She was towed into Tonga Bay by s.s. "Hina," and beached	P. Johnson.
"	Bull, s.s., 13 years	Launch	29	..	..	Stranded; damage, £75	..	Auckland Harbour ..	E.	Strong ..	The vessel broke from her moorings, and was driven against some punts	..
"	Ngatoro, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	583	22	..	Steam pipe cracked	..	2 miles N. of Westport	S.W.	Gale ..	The main steam-pipe cracked owing to heavy straining	A. T. Dowell.
"	Lena Gladys, 8 years	Ketch ..	24	..	..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Auckland Harbour ..	E.	Gale ..	Vessel dragged her anchors and bumped into timber-booms	F. Kasper.
"	Onerahi, 6 years	Ketch ..	25	..	..	Stranded; slight damage	..	Auckland Harbour ..	E.	Gale ..	Vessel dragged her anchors and bumped into timber-booms	S. Saure.
"	Huon Belle, 54 years	Ketch ..	42	..	..	Stranded; damage, £400	..	Auckland Harbour ..	E.	Gale ..	Dragged her anchors and bumped up against a punt ashore, her stern being carried away	A. E. Ragg.
"	Elsie, s.s., 11 years	Ketch ..	22	4	..	Foundered; total loss	..	Queen Charlotte Sound	..	Calm ..	Struck some floating object, probably a log; filled and sank	J. E. Tregger then,
"	Tasman, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	87	14	20	Stranded; damage, £25	..	Whakatane Heads ..	E.	Light ..	When coming through the heads the tide caught the vessel on the port bow and carried her on to the rocks, damaging her fore-foot	C. Faulkner.
"	Coronation, 16 years	Ketch ..	85	5	..	General damage, £200	..	7 miles E. of Point Rodney, Hauraki Gulf	E.S.E.	Gale ..	Owing to loss of rudder, caused by heavy seas, the vessel became unmanageable, and sails and rigging were damaged	W. J. Paine.