

RETURN OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES TO SHIPPING REPORTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1919.

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. Mar. 18	Roma V, o.e.v., 9 years	Launch	4	..	..	Stranded; total loss	..	Auckland Harbour ..	N.E.	Gale ..	The launch parted from her moorings, and was driven ashore and knocked to pieces	J. F. P. Howden.
April 17	Rimu, s.s., 20 years	Schooner	169	13	25	Stranded; no damage	..	S. Channel, Manukau Harbour	..	..	Grounded on mud-bank, but was refloated a few days later	A. Parris.
"	Chelmsford, s.s., 32 years	Schooner	79	11	2	Accident to machinery; trifling	..	Whangapoua Harbour	S.W.	Light ..	Vessel struck a sand-bank and broke main injector	F. Beach.
"	Inverness, 16 years	Barque	1,817	26	..	Fire; total loss ..	..	Lat. 37° 52' S., long. 148° 59' W.	N.W.	Gale ..	The Court found that spontaneous combustion in the coal-cargo was the cause of the fire. The vessel was abandoned when it was no longer possible to stay the progress of the fire, and the crew landed on Rapa Island after being nine and ten days in open boats	John Hughes.
"	Cannet, 37 years	Ketch ..	25	3	..	Stranded; total loss	..	Ngaiu Bay, Tasman Bay, Nelson	N.E.	Gale ..	Vessel was anchored off shore loading cargo when the wind changed, and she was driven ashore in attempting to beat out of the bay	Wm. Reed.
May 5	Wanderer, aux., 15 years	Schooner	23	6	..	Stranded; damage, £400	..	Oreti Point, Bay of Plenty	W.S.W.	Moderate	The vessel went ashore on the reef owing to the master misjudging his distance off. Both propellers and one shaft were broken and other damage done	J. E. Biddick.
"	Aratapu, 40 years	Barquentine	107	7	..	Leaking; damage, £70	..	Lat. 38° 7' S., long. 168° E.	W.S.W.	Strong	Vessel encountered heavy weather, causing a leak in the rudder-trunk, whilst on voyage to Melbourne. Returned to Auckland for repairs	W. A. Smith.
"	Mararoa, s.s., 33 years	Schooner	1,381	74	..	Fire; no damage	..	Wellington Harbour ..	..	..	Fire was caused in hold by some sacks of lime which had got wet	W. D. Cameron.
"	Natone, s.s., 18 years	Tug ..	50	4	..	Collision; no damage	..	Wellington Harbour ..	..	..	When backing out from the wharf the Natone collided with the "Karaka," damaging the port bulwarks of the latter	{ H. W. Hargreaves, Jos. Corich.
"	Karaka, s.s., 7 years	Tug ..	10	4	..	Collision; slight damage	..	Off Whangarei ..	N.W.	Light ..	Tail-shaft became detached, allowing water into hold. Damage to cargo, £250	A. Berridge.
"	Fairburn, aux., 12 years	Schooner	60	5	..	Trifling accident to machinery	..	32 miles S.W. of Akaroa Lighthouse	N.W.	Moderate	The pins in the bottom end of the piston-rod broke, causing the piston to damage the cylinder cover	J. Hawick.
"	John, s.s., 19 years	Schooner	134	13	..	Accident to machinery	..	4 mile from Northcote Wharf, Auckland Harbour	..	..	Owing to thick and foggy weather the vessels were not observed approaching each other until too late to avoid a slight collision	F. Devlin.
31	Osprey, p.s., 31 years	Ferry-boat	138	4	15	Collision; trifling damage	..	King's Wharf, Auckland land	N.W.	Gale ..	Owing to being continuously bumped against the wharf in the heavy gale the vessel was considerably damaged, rails and bulwarks being broken, and some plates started	Thos. Lynch.
"	Albatross, s.s., 14 years	Ferry-boat	111	4	200	Collision; trifling damage	..	Central Wharf, Auckland land	N.W.	Gale ..	Bulwarks, &c., damaged through being continuously bumped against the wharf in the gale	Thos. Procter.
June 20	White - pine, 39 years	Barque	467	14	..	Buffeted against wharf; damage, £356	..	Central Wharf, Auckland land	N.W.	Gale ..	Bulwarks, &c., damaged through being continuously bumped against the wharf in the gale	S. Hakanson.
"	Isabella de Fraine, aux., 16 years	Ketch ..	76	2	..	Bumped against wharf; damage, £15	..	Central Wharf, Auckland land	N.W.	Gale ..	Bulwarks, &c., damaged through being continuously bumped against the wharf in the gale	J. Williamson.
"	Endeavour, aux., 14 years	Schooner	54	3	..	Bumped against wharf; damage, £50	..	Central Wharf, Auckland land	N.W.	Gale ..	Bulwarks, &c., damaged through being continuously bumped against the wharf in the gale	J. Williamson.