

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg.	Register Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1920. May 12	Waiohahi, s.s., 29 years	Schooner	168	18	General	Stranded; damage, £50	..	Mercury Bay	S.E.	Fresh breeze	Touched bottom when in Wigmore Passage and damaged some plates	J. Wilson.
"	Akaroo, s.s., 44 years	Schooner	29	7	..	Stranded; damage, £200	..	Elizabeth Reef, Auckland	W.	Light ..	The vessel struck the reef, broke several frames and dented three plates. The Court found that the steersman, F. S. Gosset, failed to steer the course set by the master and thus caused the accident	H. Subritsky.
"	Aoree, s.s., 34 years	Schooner	26	8	Produce	Stranded; total loss	..	Rangitikei Beach	W.	Gale ..	The Court was of opinion that the master committed an error of judgment in not seeking shelter, which he could have done, when he found that the ship was leaking badly, and that the pumps could not cope with the inflow of water. Except for this there was no neglect on his part or on that of the crew, and he took a proper course in beaching the vessel	J. W. Crotty.
May 26	Goshawk, s.s., 11 years	Ferry-boat	122	4	..	Collision; trifling damage	..	Auckland Harbour	W.S.W.	Mode-rate	The "Goshawk" was making for her berth and the "Tauranga" leaving hers when a slight collision, caused by the strong wind and tide, occurred	H. Bruck.
"	Turanga, o.e.v., 10 years	Launch	19	3	..	Collision; trifling damage	..					
"	Westmeath, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	5,914	75	..	Fire; damage, £38	..	Lat. 11° 6' S., long. 104° 5' W.	E.S.E.	Light ..	Fire occurred in No. 4 hold amongst straw packing. Cause not known	A. Cain.
"	Waitomo, s.s., 9 years	Schooner	2,719	42	Wheat	Trifling accident to machinery	..	Lat. 42° 58' S., long. 157° 52' E.	S.W.	Gale ..	Wheel-chain on engine-barrel carried away owing to faulty link	E. Harris.
"	Ophi, s.s., 35 years	Schooner	638	24	..	Fractured plate; damage, £20	..	Auckland Harbour	..	..	A leak was found in the forepeak tank caused by the plating being fractured, probably by the anchor	R. Pearson.
June 5	Schwarzenfels, s.s., 6 years	Schooner	5,258	61	Phosphate	Collapse of furnace crown; damage, £360	..	..	..	..	Crowns of furnace were found to have come down, probably owing to high density and dirty water	D. P. James.
"	Invercargill, s.s., 35 years	Schooner	123	12	General	Stranded; no damage	..	Wanganui River	..	Calm ..	River was in flood, and there was a dense fog which obscured the lights, and the vessel ran on top of the training-wall	E. A. Eden.
"	Karaka, s.s., 9 years	Tug	10	3	..	Fire; considerable damage	..	Wellington Harbour	..	Calm ..	Part of main deck, deckhouse, upper deck, wheel-house, and steering-gear burnt. Cause of fire unknown	J. Smyth.
"	Wairua, s.s., 5 years	Cutter	220	12	General	Fire; damage, £1,000	..	Helensville	..	Calm ..	Fire occurred in starboard bunker. Cause not known	H. G. Menzies.
"	Manaroa, s.s., 23 years	Schooner	75	11	General	Fire; slight damage	..	40 miles east of Timaru	E.	Light ..	Fire occurred amongst cargo in hold. Cause not known. Considerable damage to cargo	R. Johnson.
"	Wairua, s.s., 5 years	Cutter	220	12	..	Damaged rudder	..	Dargaville	N.E.	Fresh breeze	A floating tree fouled the rudder, breaking off a blade	H. G. Menzies.
"	Tararawa, s.s., 34 years	Ketch	21	6	General	Broken rudder-stock	..	Lat. 34° 50' S., long. 174° 40' E.	W.S.W.	Gale ..	Vessel was struck by heavy sea which broke the rudder-stock short off in the rudder-trunk, and she returned to Auckland for repairs.	A. E. Stenback.