

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Registered Tonnage	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1923. Oct. 24	Kaero, aux., 18 years	Schooner	146	11	Copra, 80 tons	Stranded; total wreck; £11,000	..	Tuapa, Nine Island ..	W.	4	The Court found that a squall carried the vessel on the reef, and that with the small power available the master made an error of judgment in coming so close to land and in keeping too little way on; but in view of exceptional difficulties in working island, his lack of experience thereof, and the little help obtainable from charts available, the case would be met by ordering the master to pay £10 towards the costs	D. Macdonald.	
Nov. 3	Karamea, s.s., 24 years	Schooner	3,466	63	General, 2,358 tons	Collided with wharf	..	Lyttelton ..	S.W.	3	When in charge of pilot vessel was being berthed at No. 7 jetty, when she struck No. 6 end on, denting two plates on starboard bow and one on port bow; although vessel had been going astern for two minutes starboard anchor and 15 fathoms cable let go	D. Christie.	
"	Norval, sail, 46 years	Ketch ..	56	4	General ..	Collision ..	..	Napier Harbour ..	N.E.	2	The "Norval" was berthing at Jull Wharf, and the "J.D.O." was entering harbour when the steering gear jambed, resulting in her running into "Norval" and doing £30 damage	W. Macdonald.
"	J.D.O., s.s., 3 years	Schooner	87	5	Stone..	Collision ..	..					Fred. W. Nees.
"	City of Naples, s.s., 15 years	Schooner	3,714	69	General, 4,000 tons	Bunker fire	..	Lat. 28° S., long. 146° 20' W.	W.S.W. to S.W.	4	A fire was discovered in No. 3 lower hold, apparently caused by spontaneous combustion, and damaging ceiling over bilges and portion of side of the hold	H. Johnston.	
Dec. 8	Ngatiawa, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	225	19	Gum and wool, 70 tons	Fire in pantry	..	H a u r a k i Gulf, off Whangarei	N.	Light ..	The electric wires in the pantry fused, causing incipient fire which charred cornice and scorched paint-work, but was extinguished by ship's hose in a few moments	John Wilson.	
"	Britannia, ferry-boat, 38 years	Paddle-boat	108	4	..	Burnt kelson; £500 damages	..	Auckland ..	..	..	Hot ashes overheated footplates in stokehold, resulting in asbestos-sheeting underneath being burnt through, and allowing ashes to fall on kelson, burning same.	J. H. Jackson.
"	Ngatiawa, s.s., 17 years	Schooner	225	21	..	Propeller lost; tail-shaft broken	..	Flat Island Passage, Auckland	N.W.	Fresh ..	When going astern the port propeller dropped off, and on examination being made on slip tailshaft was found to be broken off	John Wilson.	
1924. Jan. 16	Rira, sail, 18 years	Ketch ..	100	7	Explosives, 110 tons	Starboard bulwarks, &c., damaged by heavy sea	..	Lat. 41° 40' S., long. 175° 29' E.	S.W.	11	Ship was hove to on starboard tack when a heavy sea was shipped, which smashed starboard bulwarks stanchions and staysail boom	M. Himainen.	