

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 Tonnage.	Number of		Nature of		Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.		Direction.	Force.		
1924. Aug. 27	Ngaio, s.s., 20 years	F. and A.	725	40	108	General, about 30 tons	Grounded; no damage	Port Nelson	..	Calm ..	Vessel was unable to proceed owing to thick fog in the morning, when pilot-boat appeared and Harbourmaster advised that it was safe to follow him into port, which "Ngaio" proceeded to do, but grounded on soft sandy bottom, where she remained until 4 p.m., when she was towed off by s.s. "Regulus"	W. A. Wildman.
Sept. 2	Tuhoe, o.e.v., 12 years	Schooner	97	8	..	Broken bowsprit ..	Whangarei Harbour ..	Whangarei Harbour ..	S.E.	Strong	When going through bridge vessel struck on port bow, cannoned off into starboard bow, when bowsprit got foul of bridge and carried away	C. W. Cumming.
"	Mavis, o.e.v., — years	Lugsail	13	1	Nil; fishing ..	Damaged bow; £2	Auckland Harbour ..	Auckland Harbour ..	N.	Fresh breeze	The scow "Daphne" was being towed to sea and ran into the "Mavis," breaking off the man-helper and slightly straining the cabin-top	R. Hawthorn.
"	Whakatu, s.s., 45 years	Schooner	95	11	General, 10 tons	Stranded, total loss	Waipapa Point ..	Waipapa Point ..	S.E.	Fresh (6)	The Court held that the vessel was well found in every respect; that in altering his course at 2.20 a.m. and again at 2.40 a.m. the master adopted a safe course; that, while he should have streamed his log, his not doing so did not contribute in any way to the stranding, which was caused by a strong set owing to the action of the wind and tide and the fact that the vessel was lightly laden; that costs be borne by the respective parties	D. Robertson.
"	Barge No. 1, 20 years	..	54	6	The barge was being towed out as the "Mahuta" was entering the Iron Pot, and the view being obscured by vessels anchored the barge collided with the "Mahuta," slightly damaging the latter's bulwarks	J. Lauratson.
"	Mahuta, s.s., 25 years	Schooner	6	3	8 cwt. fish	Collision; £25 damage to Mahuta	Inner Harbour, Napier	Inner Harbour, Napier	..	Calm	At 11.40 p.m. a fire was discovered in No. 5 shelter-decks amongst cargo of copra, timber, and flax, and was extinguished at 3.40 a.m. next day by combined efforts of fire brigade and crew, the cargo being damaged by fire, smoke, and water, and the wood sheathing the deck being burnt, rivets started, and plates buckled	V. Montaperto.
"	Kaikoura, s.s., 21 years	Schooner	5,631	71	General, 2,600 tons	Fire ..	Wellington ..	Wellington ..	N.W.	7	Owing to lack of engine-power on lea shore, with strong northerly and rough sea, the vessel stranded, without damaging herself or cargo	M. M. Downton.
"	Elsie, o.e.v., 21 years	Ketch ..	24	4	General foodstuff, 15 tons	Stranded ..	Jackson's Bay ..	Jackson's Bay ..	N.	6-7		A. C. Ingram.