

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.		
1924. Nov. 11	Ihumata, s.s., 13 years	F. and A.	653	23	..	Ballast	Grounded	..	Wanganui River	S.W.	Light	When giving way to incoming vessel in channel "Ihumata" took sheer to starboard and grounded on side channel, owing to flood tide catching vessel on port bow, making her slow to answer helm, but not causing any apparent damage	C. Ostenfeld.
"	Hauraki, motor, 3 years	Schooner	4,425	48	General, 10,500 tons	Fire	..	..	Lat. 21° N., long. 137° 30' W.	E.N.E.	4	Through coal heating at forward bulkhead, fire occurred in galley-bunker, but no damage done to ship or cargo	J. D. Frew.
"	City of Edinburgh, s.s., 26 years	Schooner	4,014	80	General, 8,375 tons	Collision	..	..	Lat. 40° 24' N., long. 73° 51' W.	W.	4	Vessel collided with oil-barge which was being towed by tug, resulting in former having bow plating slightly dented, but not sufficient to require repairs	H. Spencer.
"	Arahura, s.s., 19 years	F. and A.	771	49	General, 30 tons	Starboard propeller lost	..	..	Hauraki Gulf	N.N.W.	Moderate	It was found necessary to stop starboard engine, as either shaft was fractured or propeller gone; the latter was afterwards found to be the trouble	A. Reed.
"	Rama, s.s., 29 years	Schooner	244	21	Bunker-coal and fish, 200 tons	Stranded	total loss	..	Okawa Bay, Chatham Islands	N.	6-7	The Court held that the vessel struck an uncharted rock; that the master, officers, and crew took commendable steps to save ship and cargo and ensure that there was no loss of life; that a proper survey of the Chatham Islands should be made; and made no order as to costs	E. Cartner.
"	Opua, s.s., 24 years	Schooner	288	18	..	Grounded	..	..	Farewell Spit	Variable	Light	Owing to strong set to westward, of which master was unaware, and during passing showers and light winds, vessel grounded on extreme end of spit; but vessel came off on flood tide, and was found not to have sustained any damage	F. Mackenzie.
"	Flora, s.s., 40 years	Schooner	818	29	General	Grounded	..	..	Otago Harbour	N.E.	1 to 2	When leaving wharf master kept vessel too wide of flashing light, resulting in passing to west of No. 37 red beacon, which master failed to see, and, continuing, took the bank 300 ft. outside channel, but doing no damage to ship or cargo	C. McLeod.
"	Admiral, s.s., 41 years	Cutter	29	5	Wool, 140 bales	Struck object	submerged	..	Cook Strait	N.	V. Light	The Court found that vessel struck submerged object in vicinity of Toms Rock, but whether submerged floating log or a rock Court was unable to say, but was of opinion that, in view of favourable weather conditions, the course steered by the master was a proper one, and that no negligence attributable to him or other members of crew	C. Croucher.