

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Rig.	Number of		Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
			Registered Tonnage.	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1924. Dec. 26	Pupuke, ferry steamer, 15 years	F. and A.	68	4	100	..	Broken piston-rod, circulating-pump; £10 damage	Auckland Harbour	E.	Light	The piston-rod of the circulating-pump broke, necessitating the vessel being towed to wharf	J. Stewart.
"	Awahou, s.s., 12 years	Schooner	157	17	..	General, 10 tons	Leaking; £10 damage	Off Mercury Islands	N.E.	..	As No 1 hold was found to be leaking, vessel was headed with all speed for Auckland, where an examination revealed a small hole in one of the plates in the after end of hold	W. S. Clark.
"	Admiral, s.s., 42 years	F. and A.	30	6	..	..	Fire	Wellington	..	..	Slight outbreak of fire through heat from galley-stove igniting surrounding woodwork and damaging two planks to extent of 1 ft.	H. D. J. McArthur.
"	Storm, s.s., 5 years	..	371	17	..	General, 300 tons	Stranded..	Wanganui River	W.	Light	Whilst proceeding up-river at half-speed, vessel touched shoal on south side, and remained fast until the 9th January, 1925, when she re-floated under her own power	C. E. Goodyear.
1925. Jan. 10	Tekoa, s.s., 3 years	Steamer	5,369	56	..	General	Portion of main thrust blocks overheated	Lat. 22° 44' S., long. 177° 11' E.	N.E.	4	The white metal in ahead pads on main thrust-block became overheated and scored ahead side of collar, necessitating spare pads being fitted at sea	S. W. Somersome.
"	Pakaha, s.s., 14 years	Schooner	5,055	82	3	General, 2,020 tons	Fire	Tokomaru Bay	S.	Light	Smoke was discovered coming out No. 1 lower hold, and on examination being made several carcasses of lamb were seen to be scorched and cloths burned, but no damage done to ship	W. P. Clifton-Mogg.
"	Dredge 222, s.s., 35 years	Dredge	502	11	..	Light	Propeller-blades stripped	Otago Harbour	S.	8	When going astern vessel was struck by a strong southerly squall, causing vessel's stern to swing to port, and bringing propellers in contact with bottom of mooring-beacon and stripping three blades off port propeller	R. Scollay.
"	North Bend Sail (U.S.A.), 4 years	Schooner	847	11	2	Oregon timber, 2,000 tons	Stranded..	Mangawai River - entrance	S.E.	Light	The vessel was being towed when the bits of one of tow-boats carried away, and, although tow-line was twice got aboard tow-vessel, it carried away, and ebb slewed "North Bend" broadside on, when she took the bottom; but she subsequently floated off on rising tide, sustaining no damage	T. Hansen.
"	Ohia, o.e.v., 20 years	Ketch	5	2	..	Benzine, &c., 28 cases	Fire: total loss, £810; and cargo, £47 4s. 8d.	Tauranga Harbour	N.E.	Fresh	When proceeding under sail with both engines going an explosion occurred in engine-room, which broke into flames, quickly spreading, and destroying ship and cargo	A. H. Fletcher.
Feb. 7	Kawau, s.s., 21 years	Cutter	53	9	..	General, 3 tons	Grounded; £30 damage	Mangawai Bar	E.S.E.	Strong	When crossing the bar vessel touched, injuring rudder-post and losing two propeller-blades, eventually putting into Marsden Point, from which she was towed to Auckland	E. Olsen.
"	Condor, s.s., 22 years	Ferry-steamers	188	4	..	..	Struck wharf	Auckland	Variable	..	Owing to engine not reversing, the vessel struck the wharf, causing damage to the	G. W. T. Webb.
"	Elsie Mary, sail, 25 years	Topsail Schooner	99	6	..	Coal and timber, 138 tons	Stranded..	Tauranga	N.E.	Gale	Whilst sheltering, vessel dragged her anchor and grounded on a mudbank, whence she was towed off three days later, and was found not to have sustained any damage	T. Stephens.