

## 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		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
				Crew	Passengers.	Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1927. April 9	Isabella de Fraire, o.e.v., 25 years	F. and A.	76	8	80 tons general..	Damaged rudder ..	..	..	Hokianga bar, N.Z. ..	S.W.	Light ..	After safely negotiating bar, a sea struck vessel on starboard quarter, damaging the rudder. Vessel beached and rudder repaired	J. R. Kennedy.
April 24	Ophi, s.s., 43 years	F. and A.	638	22	150 tons general	Struck wharf	..	..	Timaru, N.Z. ..	N.W.	Strong	When approaching No. 2 wharf a heavy squall struck vessel, causing her to bump heavily into wharf, splitting a plate	F. G. Warren.
April 29	Invercargill, s.s., 42 years	Schooner	123	12	9 tons bitumen in casks	Struck wharf	..	..	Wanganui, N.Z. ..	S.	Gale ..	While slewing vessel to turn up river at Castle-cliff Wharf she was carried on to the wharf, bumping and cracking a stem-plate about 5 ft. above water-line	J. J. Smith.
April 29	Kennedy, s.s., 61 years	F. and A.	131	12	80 tons general	Struck wharf	..	..	Wellington, N.Z. ..	S.	Gale ..	When berthing with a heavy southerly gale blowing, vessel bumped heavily against wharf, bursting several rivets in frame and fore hold	A. McP. Stuart.
April 30	Edna White, o.e.v., 15 years	F. and A.	6	1	..	Burnt; total loss ..	..	..	Auckland, N.Z. ..	S.E.	Light ..	While lying alongside wharf, vessel burst into flames: cause unknown. Vessel total loss	F. P. H. White.
May 5	Somerscet, s.s., 8 years	Schooner	5,381	50	4,300 tons general	Fire ..	..	..	Wellington, N.Z. ..	S.E.	3	Copra in No. 2 and No. 3 bridge deck burst into flames, which were extinguished by vessels' fire appliances. Copra slightly damaged	J. H. Price.
May 7	Baron Ruthven, s.s., 2 years	Schooner	1,904	32	4,802 tons sugar	Fouled a hulk	..	..	Auckland, N.Z. ..	E.	5	When intending to anchor for medical inspection, the reversing-gear jammed and the vessel refused to go astern, with the result that she drifted across the bows of the hulk "Gladbrook," the latter's stem head piercing the "Baron Ruthven's" side above water-line	A. Macdonald.
May 13	Scot, o.e.v., 22 years	Ketch ..	16	3	34 tons sand ..	Grounded	..	..	Waipu River, N.Z. ..	N.E.	Fresh ..	Rudder-chain parted and vessel became unmanageable. No room to let anchor go, as ship was still in the river. Slight damage to bulwarks	J. Williams.
May 22	Wainui, s.s., 42 years	F. and A.	684	30	260 tons general	Struck wharf	..	..	Auckland, N.Z. ..	N.W.	3	While berthing the port bow came in contact with fender piling, damaging same and knocking one small hole in starboard bow above main-deck line. Could not be avoided, as the tide caught vessel	W. H. W. Gardner.
May 23	Hikurangi, s.s., 38 years	Schooner	163	11	160 tons coal ..	Struck wharf	..	..	Auckland, N.Z. ..	S.W.	2	Vessel broke against helm by eddy inside deflector, and, coming astern on engines, caused her to swing more. She only hit a fender pile-head	G. H. George.
May 24	Hawera, s.s., 15 years	F. and A.	92	10	84 tons cheese ..	Grounded	..	..	Patea River, N.Z. ..	N.	Light ..	Grounded in river through meeting two blind rollers and sagging towards the eastern wall	P. McLachlan.
May 29	Coronation, o.e.v., 25 years	Ketch ..	59	6	50 tons general	Grounded	..	..	Awanui, N.Z. ..	N.W.	Moderate	Struck rock entering Awanui Harbour. Casualty could not have been avoided had the rock been seen	A. Berridge.