

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

Date of Casualty.	Vessel's Name, Age, and Class.	Reg. Tonnage	Crew	Passengers.	Nature of		Number of Lives lost.	Place where Casualty occurred.	Wind.		Finding of Court of Inquiry.	Name of Master.
					Cargo.	Casualty.			Direction.	Force.		
1927. Nov. 17	Ngapuhi, s.s., 26 years	311	33	22	12 tons general and 11 horses	Grounded	..	Manukau Harbour, N.Z.	S.	Light ..	When rounding one of the buoys, vessel swung quicker than usual and took the ground on soft mud. No damage to ship while steaming up river between 3 and 4 knots, and after passing No. 5 pile at Mitchell's Reach, the vessel took the mud, and the flood-water catching her on star-board bow, swung her on to the bank. No damage to ship or cargo	W. Bark.
Nov. 17	Storm, s.s., 7 years	371	17	..	500 tons general	Grounded	..	Wanganui River, N.Z.	S.E.	Light ..	While on a voyage from Wellington to Wanganui, vessel found to be leaking badly, caused through vessel straining in heavy weather	L. B. Sheppard.
Nov. 24	Hawera, s.s., 15 years	74	10	..	100 tons general	Leaking ..	..	Between Wellington and Wanganui, N.Z.	N.N.W.	Fresh ..	The "Thistle" was loading at Castlecliff Wharf when the "Breeze," which was berthing at same wharf, struck her a slight blow, doing slight damage. No damage to "Breeze"	P. MacLachlan.
Dec. 1	Thistle, aux., 29 years	77	10	..	300 crates cheese	} Collision	..	Wanganui River, N.Z.	S.	Fresh ..	While proceeding down the harbour on way to Westport the chief engineer reported that the forward bracket of the rocking-shaft had cracked, necessitating the vessel's return to the wharf for repairs	D. Connor.
Dec. 1	Breeze, s.s., 18 years	275	17	..	..		Bracket on rocking-shaft cracked	..	Wellington Harbour, N.Z.	N.	Strong	On the way from Whatipu to Onehunga the Primus stove flared up and took the master's attention from helm; being close to the rocks, an eddy caught the launch and caused her to sheer on to rocks, which she struck with her forefoot. Slight damage to forefoot
Dec. 6	Komata, s.s., 20 years	1,294	34	22	300 cases oil and 3 tons general	Struck rock	..	Manukau Harbour, N.Z.	Calm	..	Rudder-stock twisted, caused by vessel being blown around with the wind when turning round at New Plymouth wharf	C. W. White.
Dec. 11	Awhitu, o.e.v., 3 years	4	2	24	..	Stranded	..	New Plymouth, N.Z.	S.W.	Moderate	When the vessel was loading shingle on the beach the wind shifted in, blowing very hard, raising heavy sea, which carried her in higher up on the beach, and she landed on a boulder, which went through her	E. A. Eden.
Dec. 12	Totara, s.s., 2 years	147	15	..	4 tons general ..	Rudder-stock twisted	..	McDonald's Beach, Coromandel, N.Z.	S.W.	Moderate gale	When the "Thistle" was leaving the Castle-cliff Wharf, and rounding the bow of the hulk "Te Anau," the ebb tide caught her, causing her to collide with the "Regulus," abut the bridge. The stem of the "Thistle" was damaged, and the damage to the "Regulus," consisted of some torn plates and helting and some rivets off gussets in engine-room	A. W. Bryant.
Dec. 12	Waiti, sail, 35 years	17	3	..	50 yards shingle	Stranded	..	Wanganui River, N.Z.	S.W.	Light ..	While loading railway-iron one rail slipped through sling and pierced a 6 in. crack in port side	C. McLeod.
Dec. 12	Regulus, s.s., 19 years	232	18	..	3 tons general ..	} Collision	..	..	..	..	..	D. Connor.
Dec. 12	Thistle, o.e.v., 29 years	77	10	..	..		6 in. crack in port side	..	Wellington, N.Z.	Calm	..	..