

(No. 6262.)

“ JESSIE NICCOL.”

Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877.

Wrecks and Casualties.

Colony of New Zealand, } REPORT on a Shipping Casualty to the  
to wit. } “ JESSIE NICCOL.”

To the Honourable the Minister having charge of the Marine Department of New Zealand.

I, the undersigned Stipendiary Magistrate, having been on the 19th day of August, 1901, applied to by John Mills, Esquire, Collector of Customs at the Port of Christchurch, for a formal investigation, pursuant to section 240 of “ The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877,” and other provisions of the said Act, respecting a shipping casualty to a certain British ship, called the “ Jessie Niccol,” of the Port of Lyttelton, on the 13th day of August last, at Cape Campbell, did duly proceed with the said investigation, to wit, on the 21st day of August instant, and had before me, and examined on oath, divers persons and witnesses, to wit :—

- Gilbert Brown ... .. master mariner
- Joyen Christian Ipsen ... .. A.B.
- Hermann Pinnau ... .. A.B.
- Alfred Turneress ... .. O.S.
- Andrew Running ... .. master mariner
- and Samuel Crawford Kennedy

the original depositions of whose evidence are hereunto annexed, signed by me, being assisted therein by William Laird Whitby, master mariner, holding a certificate of competency, No. 381, from the New Zealand Marine Department, and John Lundie, master mariner, holding a certificate of competency, No. 212, from the Marine Department of Tasmania, who were duly appointed by the Hon. the Minister of Marine to act as Assessors ; and, upon such investigation and examination of witnesses as aforesaid, I find and report as follows, that is to say :—

1. That the official number of said ship called the “ Jessie Niccol ” is 57,834, of which Gilbert Brown is master, who holds a certificate of service, Home Trade,

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No. 2286, issued by the New Zealand Marine Department, and which ship belonged to William Cook, merchant, of Lyttelton.

2. That the loss or damage herein more particularly mentioned happened on the 13th day of August, 1901, at about 5 o'clock in the morning at Cape Campbell.

3. That the loss or damage appears by the evidence to have been caused by an error of judgment on the part of the master by which the said vessel touched upon a reef outside Cape Campbell.

4. That the nature of the loss or damage done was partial. That the vessel was insured for £300 in the Alliance Insurance Company. That the “ Jessie Niccol ” is schooner rigged. Her port of registry is Lyttelton ; her registered tonnage is 93 tons. That no lives were lost through the casualty.

And I, the said Stipendiary Magistrate, further state my opinion on the matter aforesaid to be as follows :—

That the said partial loss was caused by the vessel touching upon the said reef owing to the said Gilbert Brown, master, having miscalculated his distance from the land, and therefore having been guilty of an error of judgment, and the said Gilbert Brown, master, is ordered to pay the costs of this inquiry amounting to seven pounds seven shillings.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of August, one thousand nine hundred and one, at Lyttelton, New Zealand.

(Signed) H. W. BISHOP,  
Stipendiary Magistrate.

I concur in the above report.  
(Signed) W. L. WHITBY,  
Assessor.

I concur in the above report.  
(Signed) J. LUNDIE,  
Assessor.

A true copy.

W. T. GLASGOW,  
Secretary, Marine Department,  
New Zealand.

(Issued in London by the Board of Trade on the 8th day of November, 1901.)