

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES,  
1870 TO 1890.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.	Casualties.	Tonnage.	Lives Lost.	Damage.
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1870 .....	335	82,808	210	901,000
1871 .....	274	81,035	81	2,100,000
1872 .....	290	99,109	237	2,507,338
1873 .....	350	99,523	*813	2,844,133
1874 .....	308	106,682	109	2,029,965
1875 .....	286	99,427	78	2,468,521
1876 .....	452	153,368	404	2,942,955
1877 .....	468	177,896	153	3,952,582
1878 .....	414	161,760	187	3,445,875
1879 .....	533	198,364	339	4,119,233
1880 .....	445	179,993	217	3,820,652
1881 .....	440	210,719	399	4,992,423
1882 .....	451	193,655	271	3,138,423
1883 .....	366	158,826	259	2,029,752
1884 .....	324	119,741	253	2,965,321
1885 .....	346	144,726	198	2,753,667
1886 .....	377	150,277	54	1,950,799
1887 .....	335	149,395	91	1,662,688
1888 .....	319	105,060	52	1,126,124
1889—11 months ended 30th Nov.....	268	110,716	163	1,554,319
1890 do 31st Oct.....	242	78,343	64	1,194,516
Total .....	7,623	2,861,423	4,632	54,500,286

\* 545 persons were lost by the wreck of the White Star SS. "Atlantic."

Reduction  
in number  
of casual-  
ties.

520. In view of the largely increased and increasing efficiency of the Marine Protective Service it would be disheartening if the figures in the above table did not show some reduction in latter years over those earlier in the period, and it is pleasant to note that the figures of late years are markedly smaller than they used to be, while it must be remembered that the volume of shipping is constantly on the increase.

Meteoro-  
logical Ser-  
vice.

521. Particulars of the operations of the Meteorological Service, which have such an intimate connection with the welfare of our sailors and our ships, are given on pp. 18 and 19.

Expendi-  
ture of  
Marine  
Depart-  
ment, 1889  
and 1890.

522. The following is a general summary of the expenditure of this Department during the years ended 30th June, 1889 and 1890. The expenditure in 1889 amounted to \$1,023,801; there was, therefore, a decrease of \$216,383.