

COMPARISON OF MAN-HOURS LOST THROUGH STOPPAGES OF WORK ON THE WATERFRONT COVERING PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO, AND NINE YEARS DURING, COMMISSION CONTROL

Period. (Year Ending 31st March).	Estimated Total Man-hours Worked.	Total Man-hours Lost Through Stoppages.	Percentages of Hours Lost.
<i>Four Years Prior to Commission Control</i>			
1937 to 1940	29,147,977	233,656	0·80
<i>Nine Years During Commission Control</i>			
1941 to 1947	74,443,491	607,949	0·82
1948	12,400,437	221,038	1·78
1949	13,099,798	294,616	2·25
Average 1941 to 1949 ..	99,943,726	1,123,603	1·12

Brief Explanation of Causes of Major Stoppages for Twelve Months Ended 31st March, 1949

Auckland (148,405 man-hours): Dispute concerning hatches on "Mountpark" (second portion of dispute) and "Broompark." "Mountpark" was declared a preference ship from 25th June, 1948, which resulted in a forty-hour week being introduced by the union on all ships in port up to the 14th July, 1948.

Auckland (55,396 man-hours): Boycott of firms involved in carpenters' dispute, resulting in waterside workers refusal to handle their cargoes. "Northumberland" declared a preference ship on 14th March, 1949.

Wellington (15,400 man-hours): Dispute *re* engagement of non-union labour by Wellington Harbour Board outside hours of engagement.

New Plymouth (1,749 man-hours): Dispute regarding the working of overtime on vessels of Holm Shipping Co., Ltd.

Tokomaru Bay (2,065 man-hours): Dispute regarding payment of lighterage rate of 5d. per hour to men employed loading "feeder" vessels.

Westport (1,484 man-hours)	}	Cause of stoppages not disclosed, but considered to be in support of "Northumberland" dispute at Auckland.
Greymouth (2,375 man-hours)		

Auckland (17,138 man-hours)	}	Cessation of work as protest against decision of the Waterfront Industry Authority to grant an increase of 2½d. per hour in the interim, whereas a total of 1s. per hour was claimed.
Wellington (12,150 man-hours)		
Lyttelton (17,300 man-hours)		
Dunedin (2,439 man-hours)		
Port Chalmers (1,746 man-hours)		
Napier (2,052 man-hours)		
New Plymouth (1,854 man-hours)		
Wanganui (814 man-hours)		
Nelson (684 man-hours)		
Pictou (342 man-hours)		
Oamaru (506 man-hours)		
Bluff (1,737 man-hours)		
Greymouth (1,300 man-hours)		