

TABLE SHOWING THE TIME SPENT IN NEW ZEALAND BY OVERSEAS VESSELS

Period.	Number of Vessels.			Number of Ports.			Days on Coast.			Days when Cargo not worked, (excluding Sundays and Holidays).			Balance, representing Days taken on Cargo Operations and Steaming Time between Ports.		
	Loading and Discharging.	All Vessels.		Loading and Discharging.	All Vessels.		Loading and Discharging.	All Vessels.		Loading and Discharging.	All Vessels.		Loading and Discharging.	All Vessels.	
January to June, 1939 ..	36	26	62	6.81	5.23	6.13	42.1	26.8	35.7	Nil	Nil	42.1	26.8	35.7	
January to June, 1941 ..	20	19	39	4.05	2.10	3.10	27.8	14.9	21.5	2.0	2.0	25.8	12.9	19.5	
April, 1941, to March, 1942 ..	55	70	125	4.2	1.7	2.8	27.0	10.6	17.9	3.9	1.3	23.1	9.3	15.4	
April, 1942, to March, 1943 ..	69	44	113	3.0	1.5	2.4	23.9	10.5	18.7	3.5	1.7	20.9	8.1	16.0	
April, 1943, to March, 1944 ..	56	48	104	2.59	1.66	2.16	25.43	11.29	18.9	1.46	1.27	23.96	10.0	17.53	
April, 1944, to March, 1945 ..	55	51	106	3.18	1.47	2.5	26.71	14.92	21.03	3.31	3.69	23.4	11.24	17.55	
April, 1945, to March, 1946 ..	43	78	121	3.35	1.48	2.14	31.63	15.95	21.52	1.21	1.76	30.42	14.12	19.96	
April, 1946, to March, 1947 ..	61	82	143	4.48	1.65	2.85	52.30	26.09	37.27	2.72	3.70	49.58	22.39	33.99	

NOTES.—(1) During the war years engine repairs, which were previously performed overseas, were carried out in New Zealand.

(2) Reduction in working-hours have been effected as follows :—

(a) *Main Ports*.—Reduction from 10 p.m. to 9 p.m. cessation of work became operative as and from 3rd January, 1944. Shift-work and work on Sundays, holidays, and on Saturday afternoons (except where vessels could finish by 5 p.m.) cancelled as from 8th September, 1945.

(b) *Secondary Ports*.—Shift-work cancelled as from 8th September, 1945. Work on Saturday nights, Sundays, and holidays cancelled as from 26th November, 1945. With regard to the cessation of work on Saturday afternoons and at 9 p.m. on ordinary week-days, subsequent action was taken at the various ports to bring the hours into line with those worked at main ports.

(3) During the war years, overseas vessels were worked extended hours on Saturday nights, Sundays, and holidays, and also under a shift system from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Prior to the war, overseas vessels were worked 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (midnight to finish), Mondays to Fridays inclusive, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays. During the year ended 31st March, 1947, these vessels were worked 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (10 p.m. to finish), Monday to Friday inclusive, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays (5 p.m. to finish). This represents a reduction of approximately nine hours per week, or 13 per cent. on pre-war working-hours.