

For 1948-49 a total of 4,751 unionists, or 77 per cent. of those covered by the table, received the maximum of 22 half-days (two weeks) annual holiday. This compares with 4,274 unionists and 72½ per cent. for 1947-48.

A summary of the costs of granting annual holidays to waterside workers at main and second ports from August, 1944, to 31st March, 1949, is as follows (excluding Wellington Harbour Board) :—

	Unionists. £	Non-unionists. £	Total. £
August, 1944, to March, 1947 ..	222,066*	27,249	249,315
1947-48	87,392	11,122	98,514
1948-49	93,401	9,981	103,382
Totals	<u>£402,859</u>	<u>£48,352</u>	<u>£451,211</u>

* Includes £23,790 VE Day and VJ Day (3½ days' pay).

(b) STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

The year ended 31st March, 1949, included only six paid statutory holidays instead of the usual nine. This was because Good Friday and Easter Monday, 1948, fell within the 1947-48 year and Anzac Day fell on a Sunday. Paid statutory holidays have applied on the waterfront since 1st August, 1946, for unionists, and 24th March, 1947, for non-unionists. The cost of granting such paid holidays to 31st March, 1949, is as follows :—

	Unionists. £	Non-unionists. £	Total. £
1st August, 1946, to 31st March, 1947	31,358	..	31,358
1947-48	80,722	6,530	87,252
1948-49	47,109	3,119	50,228
Totals	<u>£159,189</u>	<u>£9,649</u>	<u>£168,838</u>

9. CARGO CONTROL COMMITTEES

Cargo Control Committees are still in operation at the Ports of Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton (including City of Christchurch), and New Plymouth. Valuable work is still being performed by these Committees in preventing shed congestion and providing for the smooth flow of inward cargo off the wharves into merchants' stores.

A table is included in the Appendix (page 97) summarizing Cargo Control Committee expenditure which has been brought to charge as at 31st March, 1949. This expenditure falls under two main headings :—

- (a) Reimbursement to carriers and merchants of the difference in cost of taking delivery of cargo in overtime hours when directed to do so by a Cargo Control Committee—"Overtime Expenditure, Clause 16 (2)."
- (b) Office costs and salaries of part-time secretaries—"Miscellaneous Expenditure, clause 16 (1)."

Expenditures brought to charge at all ports under these two headings during 1948-49 were £3,440 and £1,493 respectively. In addition, there was an amount of £139 spent at Auckland in removing trans-shipment cargo, and part costs of squaring-up wharf sheds after completion of a vessel's discharge.