

The following table gives the average running-cost per truck, the average being taken over the 95 trucks listed above:—

Gore, North Otago, and Central Otago Areas : Average Cost of Running a Truck
(Average of total cost of 95 trucks, and adjusted according to Goods Service Charges Tribunal's Conventions)

Item.	Cost.	Percentage of Total Cost.
Running-expenses—	£	
Petrol	194	19·52
Oil	13	1·31
Tires	55	5·54
Repairs	116	11·66
Total, running-expenses	378	38·03
Standing charges—		
License fees	40	4·02
Insurance	17	1·71
Garage fees	13	1·31
Wages	346	34·82
Depreciation—		
Truck	60	6·04
Other	7	0·70
Total, standing charges	483	48·60
Overhead—		
Management	48	4·84
Office salaries	26	2·62
Bad debts	1	0·10
Office rent	5	0·50
Printing and stationery	4	0·40
Postages	3	0·30
Telephones, tolls	6	0·60
Accounting, audit, legal	2	0·20
Trade subscriptions	2	0·20
General expenses	6	0·60
Contingencies	5	0·50
Interest on capital (6 per cent.)	25	2·51
Total, overhead	133	13·37
Total cost	994	100·00
Running-expenses per mile	d. 7·78	
Standing charges per mile	9·95	
Overhead	2·74	
Total cost per mile	20·47	

67. Comparison of Present-day with pre-war Costs.—In the table that follows a comparison is made between the cost of operating a Heavy Traffic Class I truck, with costs as at 31st March, 1939, and a similar truck operating under costs as at 31st March, 1946. For the purpose of this comparison it has been assumed that the trucks are identical in all respects save that the cost of the 1939 truck (new, less tires) was £300, and the corresponding cost of the 1946 truck £500.