

70. New Regulations : Changes in New Zealand Transport Law during Year.—

The following are the principal enactments passed during the period 1st April, 1945, to 31st March, 1946 :—

The Transport Licensing Passenger Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 6 (Serial No. 1945/42).—These regulations provide for the computation of taxi fares in the case of children and a new penal clause for the principal regulations.

The Motor-vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risks) Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 4 (Serial No. 1945/69).—These regulations revoke the definition of “contract motor-vehicle” in the principal regulations, and substitute a new definition therefor and a new scale of annual insurance premiums.

The Goods-service Charges Tribunal Emergency Regulations 1943, Amendment No. 3 (Serial No. 1945/87).—These regulations provide machinery for the Tribunal to review or alter the charges in all goods-services or any group of goods-services consequent on any amendment by the Court of Arbitration relating to the rates of remuneration of workers in the goods transport industry.

Revocation of certain Transport Legislation Suspension Orders (Serial No. 1945/126).—This provides revocation of His Majesty's Forces (Motor-cyclists) Suspension Order (1941/68) and the Transport Legislation Suspension Order 1941 (No. 3), (1941/262).

The Emergency Regulations Revocation Order 1945 (Serial No. 195/127).—This Order revoked over sixty emergency regulations, eight of which were administered by the Transport Department, including those regulations which control the licensing of ancillary goods services.

The Emergency Regulations Revocation Order No. 2 (Serial No. 1945/181).—This Order revoked seventy-two emergency regulations and orders, eleven of which were administered by the Transport Department.

The Motor-Drivers Regulations 1940, Amendment No. 2 (Serial No. 1945/199).—These regulations amend the provisions regarding renewal of motor-drivers' licenses after expiry so that twelve months (instead of three months) is now permitted before a fresh test is necessary. The amendment also provides for the issue of heavy trade motor licenses to persons under the age of eighteen years in certain circumstances.

The Heavy Motor-vehicle Regulations 1940, Amendment No. 3 (Serial No. 1946/9).—These regulations bring forward from repealed Emergency Regulations the definition of the term “farmer's truck” (for purposes of concession in heavy traffic fees).

71. It is desired to place on record the thanks of the Department for the willing and helpful co-operation afforded by the many transport and other organizations and local authorities with which the Department came in contact during the year. Particular mention is made of the New Zealand Road Transport Alliance, the New Zealand Carriers' Federation, the New Zealand Passenger-services Federation, the New Zealand Omnibus Proprietors' Association, the New Zealand Taxi-proprietors' Federation, the New Zealand Rental Car Proprietors' Association, the Drivers' Union, the North and South Island Motor Unions, the New Zealand Retail Motor Trade Association, the New Zealand Farmers' Union, the New Zealand Shipowners' Federation, and the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

72. I wish to express my thanks to all the officers of the Department for their co-operation in carrying out the duties of the Department.